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### JAPANESE BOMBING NEAR AMOY

Amoy, To-day.  
Japanese cruisers and planes from aircraft-carriers have been bombing the mainland and the coastline opposite Amoy for the past two days.  
The attacks are apparently concentrated on the Chinese positions and the railway terminus at Chengchow.  
No attempt to land, however, has yet been made.—Reuter.

### HONG KONG BANK LOAN WELL RECEIVED

Shanghai, To-day.  
Announcement of the £10,000,000 credit to China was very well received in Shanghai's financial district this morning, and all markets reflected a feeling of confidence such as has not been seen here for some time.

Effect of the announcement was most pronounced in the market for Chinese domestic bonds, all issues moving sharply higher on a wave of buying induced by a burst of renewed confidence in the Chinese Government.

Gains at the opening averaged around \$1, and although the high levels attracted some profit-taking, the market maintained a very steady appearance.

#### DOLLAR FIRMS

The local dollar also benefitted and hardened in terms of both Sterling and United States Dollars, and while the improvement in exchange rates was only fractional underlying tendency was very firm.

One prominent exchange broker, questioned by Reuter, described the effect of the announcement as "very beneficial" to Shanghai's currency.—Reuter.

#### "MAIL" FORECAST

London newspapers have been forecasting the loan to China for several weeks past, but it was the "China Mail" which first reported that Hong Kong banks would be concerned in the trans-

### Three Direct Hits On Well-Marked Building

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned from unimpeachable neutral sources that the walled city of Ichang, a treaty port on the Yangtse above Hankow, has been reduced almost completely to ruins as the result of two Japanese mass air raids, one on Tuesday and the other yesterday. It is stated that 60 heavy bombs were dropped.

In another of the many destructive raids carried out by the Japanese yesterday, three direct hits were scored on the Jenkin Robertson Hospital, of the English Baptist Mission, at Sian. The Mission hospital was badly damaged.

Fourteen Japanese aeroplanes took part in the raid on Sian.

There seems to have been no possible doubt that the identity of the hospital was well known. Visibility was perfectly clear.

The hospital was marked by two huge Union Jacks, one on the roof and the other in the grounds, both clearly visible from the air.

#### NURSE KILLED

One Chinese nurse was killed when the raiders bombed the hospital. There were no foreign casualties.

The operating theatre, the X-ray Department, the machine-room and two wards were completely destroyed.

No official indication has yet reached Shanghai or Chungking concerning the casualty toll at Ichang, but it is feared that the death-roll will not be less than at Wanhsien, equally savagely devastated a few weeks back, when over a thousand were killed and wounded.—Reuter and Our Own Correspondent.

### MASS ATTACKS IN KANSU

Shanghai, To-day.

Continuing the long distance attacks begun in February at Lanchow, Japanese military planes yesterday mass-attacked the "Red route" in Kansu province.

Japanese airmen reported that action.

A report to this effect was exclusively published in the "China Mail" as long ago as February 2.

### ORDER NOT YET RESTORED IN MADRID

Paris, To-day.

In spite of the fact that communication by telephone between Paris and Madrid was resumed yesterday, all that could be gathered from meagre reports was that the National Defence Council has not yet gained complete control over the situation.

Tram services were resumed in Madrid after an abortive attempt by Communists to capture the buildings of the Bank of Spain and the General Post Office.

By four o'clock in the afternoon, Communist troops were still holding out in some of the suburbs. Much firing goes on in Madrid, due to the fact that a troop of Communists is entrenched in the Madrid Hippodrome.—Trans-Ocean.

"the aerodrome and military establishments" for 30 minutes, Sian, capital of Shensi, was likewise bombed yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

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# Japan Builds Fighting Force For Next War

## Secret, Hurried Preparation

Japan's all-powerful militarists, undeterred by the failure of nearly two years of costly warfare in China to bring concrete returns to the nation, are secretly and hurriedly building one of the world's greatest land, sea and air fighting forces, writes Clark Lee, Tokyo correspondent of "Associated Press."

The plans and extent of expansion are kept strictly secret from the Japanese taxpayers who must dig deeper into their diminishing resources to foot the bill, but both army and navy high commands are equally frank as to its objectives.

As set forth with unmistakable clarity by the war and navy ministers during current diet discussion of military budgets tentatively fixed at \$1,550,000,000 for the next fiscal year, they are:

1. To prepare for war with Soviet Russia. This is the primary goal of both army and navy expansion.
2. To dominate completely the Western Pacific, by sea and air, so as to prevent any interference with Japan's continental expansion, specifically on the part of the United States or Great Britain. This is the navy's job.

### CALLS SELF 'HAVE-NOT'

In a broader sense, the vast military programme is an expression of Japan's fixed belief in her destiny as one of the world's great economic and political powers. Only through military strength, the Japanese public has come to believe, can the empire make secure its position in the world, hence there is no opposition to the unprecedented expenditures for armaments despite the nation's admittedly insecure financial status.

Japan classifies herself as a "have-not" nation in the sense that she must import many of the products needed to continue industrial expansion and carry on economic competition with the rest of the world. Some of the 38 important raw materials which Japan lacks, such as coal, iron and salt, can be obtained on the Asiatic continent. In this fact, to a large extent, lies the explanation of the army's conquest of Manchuria and the current campaign in China.

Elsewhere, by way of the seas, Japan must obtain such materials as cotton, wool, lumber, rubber and oil. The Japanese navy, in explaining its building programme, says its primary duty is to assure that a continued supply of these products is available for the empire's industry, and to protect Japan's foreign trade and immigration to countries other than China and Manchukuo.

Thus the army and navy are working for a common end, to provide the materials needed for the country's economic growth.

### CAUSES ECONOMIC

Economic factors will undoubtedly be the cause of the second war with Russia, if it comes, and nearly every Japanese believes it is inevitable, although both army and navy flatly deny any aggressive intentions toward the Soviet.

At present the war drums are being thumped in Tokyo over an issue which will reach a climax at the end of March. It involves the refusal of the Soviet government to renew the Siberian fisheries agreement with Japan. It is reported that the Soviets are preparing to "attack and repel" Japanese fishermen in the disputed waters. This report prompted a resolution by Tokyo diet parties urging the government to "use all the forces at its command" to protect fishing rights granted to Japan under the Portsmouth treaty.

The navy does not look forward to struggle now or at any time in the future with the United States, Japan's only rival for Pacific supremacy.

### NOT TO ATTACK U. S.

Japan does not and cannot have any intention of attacking the United States, her admirals state, and they believe the likelihood of war is infinitesimal due to the following factors:

- 1.—Strategic. The fleets of Japan and the United States are strong enough to repel invasion but are not strong enough for a successful attack on the other's shores.
- 2.—Japan's confidence that she can convince the "peace loving" people of the United States of the United States of the justice of this nation's doctrine of Asia for the Asiatics: that is, an Asia dominated by its only strong power, Japan. The navy would like to divide the Pacific into two spheres of influence, with the Empire supreme in the East and the United States in the West, and the two sections trading peacefully with each other.

The only cause for war between the two countries, says the Japanese navy, would be armed, aggressive action by the United States to interfere with Japan's programme in the East or a blockade of Japanese shipping by the American fleet.

The latter development might bring realization of the Japanese navy's long cherished plan of "southern expansion." The plan is reported to be for use only if other sources of raw materials are closed. It is said to centre on seizure of the Dutch East Indies, with their valuable oil resources.

Japan's current navy building programme will be completed in three

## 'LOST' MURDERER DIES

Sylvester Warner, a murderer, who was condemned to death more than four years ago, went to the electric chair at Trentford, Kentucky.

A few hours before Warner was to have been executed in Oct., 1934, a review of the case was granted, but the order apparently became "lost" in the prison files and was only discovered last month. Then the death sentence was confirmed.

## SIR O. MOSLEY AND GERMAN COLONIES

Sir Oswald Mosley is the latest contributor to the campaign of the "12 Uhr Blatt" for the return of former German colonies, and against the Jews.

Sir Oswald, leader of the British Union of Fascists, writes: "From the early days of our movement, I have declared that we desire the return to Germany of her colonies as an act of justice and a contribution to the peace of the world."

"It is foolishness to quarrel with Germany over territory which we do not want, because we have more than enough."

"To those who say that Germany would use her colonies to attack Great Britain in Africa, I reply that this will not be the case if the British Fleet rules the waves, which it will certainly do under the Government of the British Union of Fascists."

Sir Oswald Mosley is the son-in-law of Lord Redesdale, who was recently quoted in the German Press as advocating an agreement for the return of Germany's former colonial possessions.—Reuter.

## STREICHER'S A.D.C. COMMITS SUICIDE

Herr Julius Streicher, the anti-Semitic leader, in a funeral oration at Nuremberg, revealed that his aide-de-camp, Herr Hans Koenig, committed suicide.

Notices of Koenig's death which appeared in Bavarian newspapers gave no explanation of the tragedy.

Herr Streicher stated that his aide-de-camp killed himself because "he was shattered in spirit and broken in body."

A military band played "Siegfried's Death" by Wagner as Herr Streicher laid a wreath inscribed "To my truest" on the grave.

years. The ordinary budget this year calls for expenditures of \$113,000,000, plus supplemental funds of an unannounced amount.

Navy Minister Mitsuhashi Yonai, informed the diet that special attention is being given to airplanes, aircraft carriers, and light and heavy cruisers. He refused to discuss reports that Japan is building four dreadnaughts of over 35,000 tons, but did hint at an innovation in cruiser types.

## SCHUSCHNIGG MAY NOT BE PROSECUTED

Vienna, March 2.

The German authorities have decided to give up their case against Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Chancellor of Austria before the Anschluss of mid-March, 1938.

Within a few days he will leave the Hotel Metropole, where he has been kept in custody, and will retire to a small town in Upper Austria, it was stated.

Since February 27 he has been allowed to receive his wife.

Dr. von Schuschnigg was previously reported to be facing charges of having been responsible for the execution of the Nazis who attempted the unsuccessful July, 1934, putsch.—Havas.

## READY TO SEND B.E.F. TO FRANCE

London, To-day.

The British War Minister Mr. Hore-Belisha has new proposals in connection with the reorganisation of the British army, according to the political correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

The paper believes that these proposals have bearing on the sending of a British expeditionary force to France if France is involved in war, and forecasts that the result will probably be an increase of the present strength of the British standing army as well as longer duration of the service time.—Trans-Ocean.

## U.S. FOREIGN POLICY EXPLAINED

New York, Mar. 2.

The basis of the foreign policy of the United States is not to contract any foreign alliances but to place the weight of American influence on the side of law and order with the support of a powerful navy and air force, the New York Times declared this morning, commenting on the international situation.

"The best hopes of peace for the United States in this troubled world do not reside in a weak America whose policy is sapped by constitutional limitations of governmental authority, but in such military preponderance and diplomatic strength on the side of orderly nations that no voracious power would dare to defy this authority," the paper added.—Havas.

## DRIZZLE OR RAIN

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone continues moving eastward and is now centred over Korea and South Japan. The depression over Indo-China and Siam has deepened.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional drizzle or light rain.



# MYSTERY SHANGHAI SPECIAL SECTION

## MR. HUDSON KEEPS HIS COUNSEL

London, To-day.  
Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, was non-committal when questioned in the House of Commons yesterday in the steps he was taking to ensure the success of negotiations between the Chinese Government and Lancashire traders for a large amount of cotton cloth.

Mr. Hudson said he understood that tentative enquiries in this connexion were made recently but it was contrary to the practice of his department to disclose details.—Reuter.

## SEVERE RAID ON ICHANG

Ichang, To-day.  
Ichang, important Yangtze River port 350 miles above Hankow, was subjected to three severe raids by a total of 45 planes yesterday.

More than 100 bombs were dropped reducing a large area to ruins.

Heavy civilian toll was taken, but the exact number is still under investigation.

The first alarm shrieked around ten o'clock in the morning when 18 Japanese bombers appeared and bombed indiscriminately. The second raid, by nine machines, took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the third, by 18 planes, one hour later. — Central News.

## OIL CONCESSION TALKS MAKE PROGRESS

Mexico City, To-day.  
The first conversation between President Cardenas and Mr. Donald Richberg, representing the foreign oil companies, took place at the National Palace at noon yesterday.

A statement issued after the conversation declared that both parties "consider that real progress has been made," and will meet again at noon to-day.

The discussions concern the expropriated foreign oil property.—Reuter.

## NEW U.S. AIR CHIEF

Washington, Mar. 2.  
Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring to-day appointed Major-General Arnold chief of the entire United States air forces.

Major-General Arnold was until now entrusted principally with the development of the air force and the training of personnel.

The War Department explained that this appointment was ordered following the unexpected expansion of the army's air force.—Havas.

## Under Control Of Japanese In Settlement

London, To-day.

Mr. H. Graham-White (Liberal) invited the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday to make a statement regarding the purpose and scope of the special section of the Council in Shanghai to be established under the control of the Japanese.

Mr. Butler said he had no information of the actual details of what was proposed in regard to the functions of the special section.

However, he assured that the working understanding reached with the Japanese authorities was not of a nature to impair the authority of the Council.

Mr. R. W. Porritt (Conservative) asked the reasons for Japanese refusal to evacuate British-owned mills in Shanghai.

Mr. Butler replied that the Japanese authorities, despite the explanations of the British Consul-General, still profess to doubt British ownership of three of the mills, while a fourth is situated on Point Island, which is in the occupation

of the Japanese military authorities, who have established there the headquarters of their transport unit.

### FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS

Further British representations were recently made in Tokyo!

The Government would continue to do its utmost to secure speedy evacuation of the mills!—Reuter.

## MR. KENNEDY TO REPRESENT U.S. AT ENTHRONEMENT OF POPE PIUS XII

Washington, To-day.  
President Roosevelt's decision to send the American Ambassador in London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, to Rome as official delegate of the U.S. at the coronation of Pope Pius XII has caused considerable interest in political quarters here.

It is pointed out that the delegation of an official U.S. representative is completely without precedent as America does not and never did maintain diplomatic relations with the Vatican.—Trans-Ocean.

## CHUNGKING-HANOI AIR SERVICE

Chungking, To-day.  
Arrangements have been made between the China National Aviation Corporation and Air France for the inauguration of an air service between Chungking and Hanoi.

A Douglas plane of the C.N.A.C. left Chungking yesterday morning for Hanoi on a trial flight. Aboard the plane was Mr. Hwang Pao-hsien, general manager of C.N.A.C., who was going to Hanoi to have further discussions with the Air France regarding the new air route.

Formal inauguration of the service will be announced soon.—Central News

## CAR SPLITS A NAZI TANK—IT WAS PLYWOOD!

During a period of considerable military activity in Germany recently, when mechanised troops were marching and counter-marching to impress the public, a motorist entered a small town and took a corner too fast. Out of control, he collided with a German tank, from which the car rebounded and came to rest about 20 yards away.

Leaping out of the car, the English tourist who was driving it was surprised to see that his car had suffered practically no damage.

When he looked at the tank, however, he found that it was split in half! Outraged officers commanded the Englishman to get in his car and make his presence scarce as quickly as possible.

Not, however, before he had observed the astonishing fact that the armour-plating of the tank was plywood, lightly covered with thin metal sheeting, and that the tank as such was practically artificial from end to end!

This story is told in the current issue of "The Motor."



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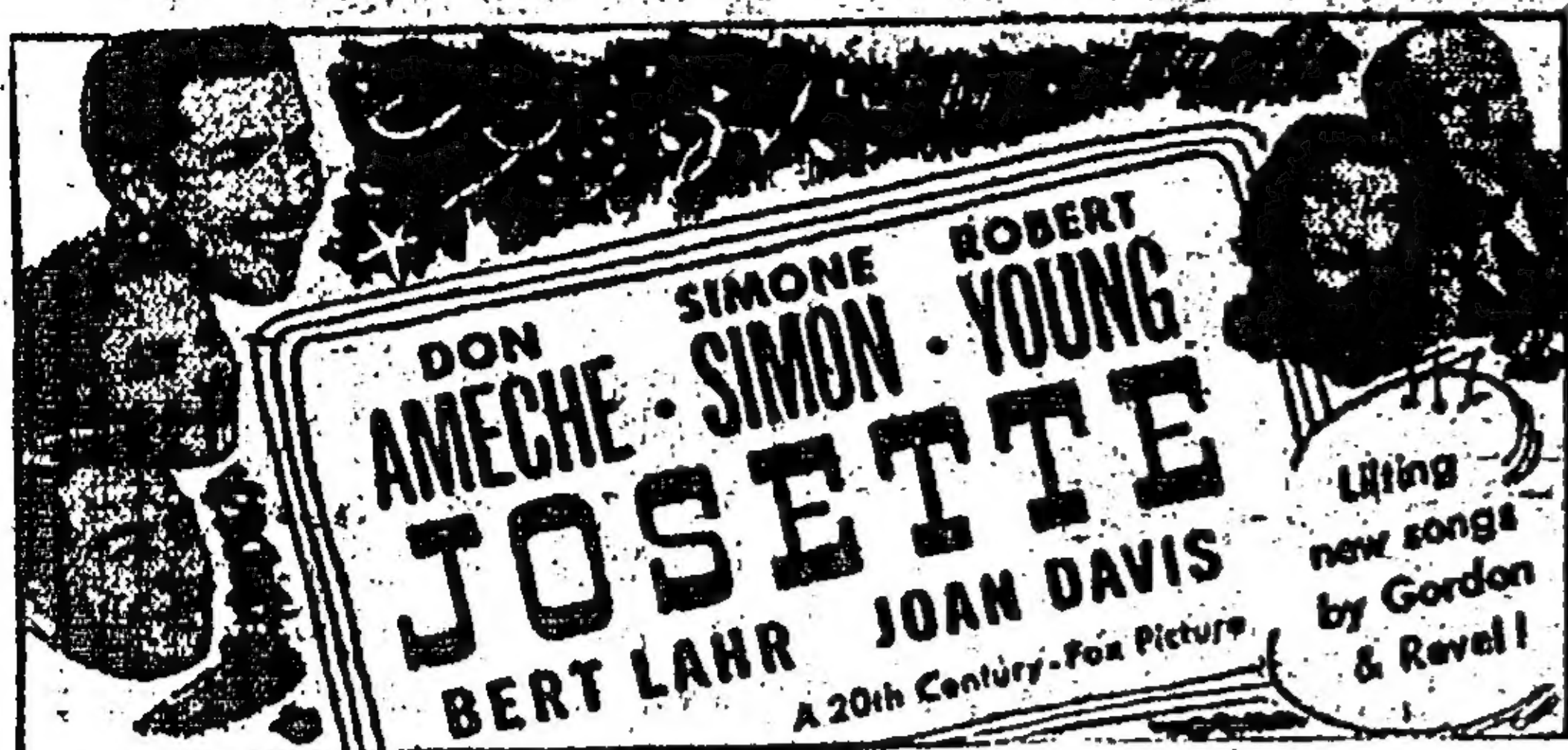
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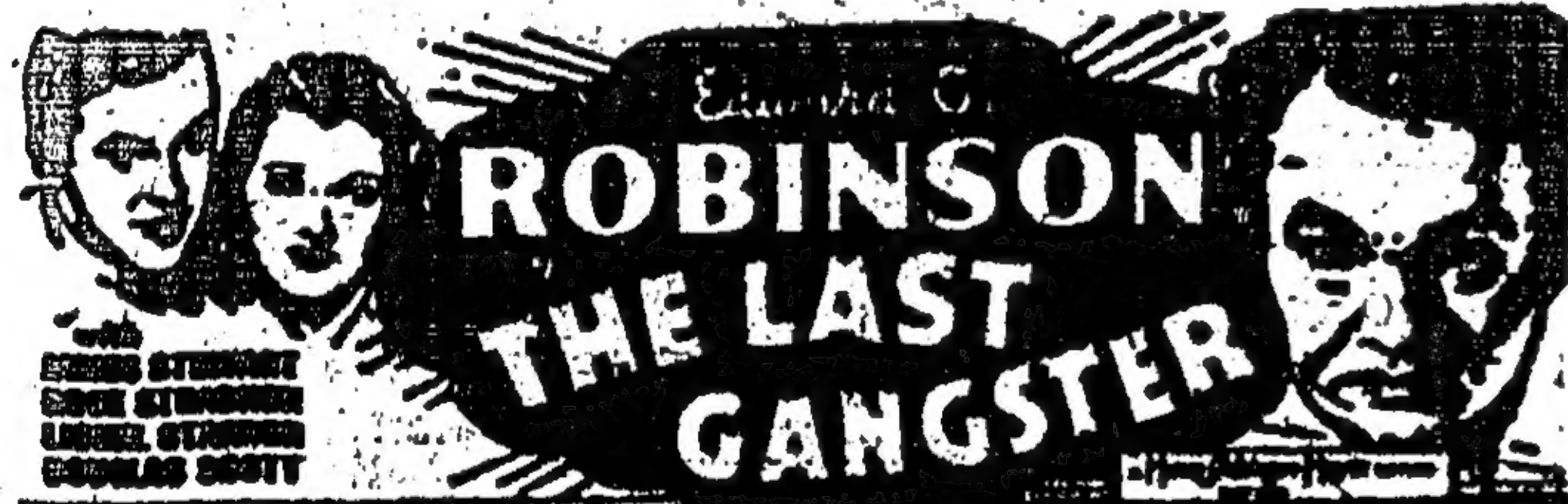
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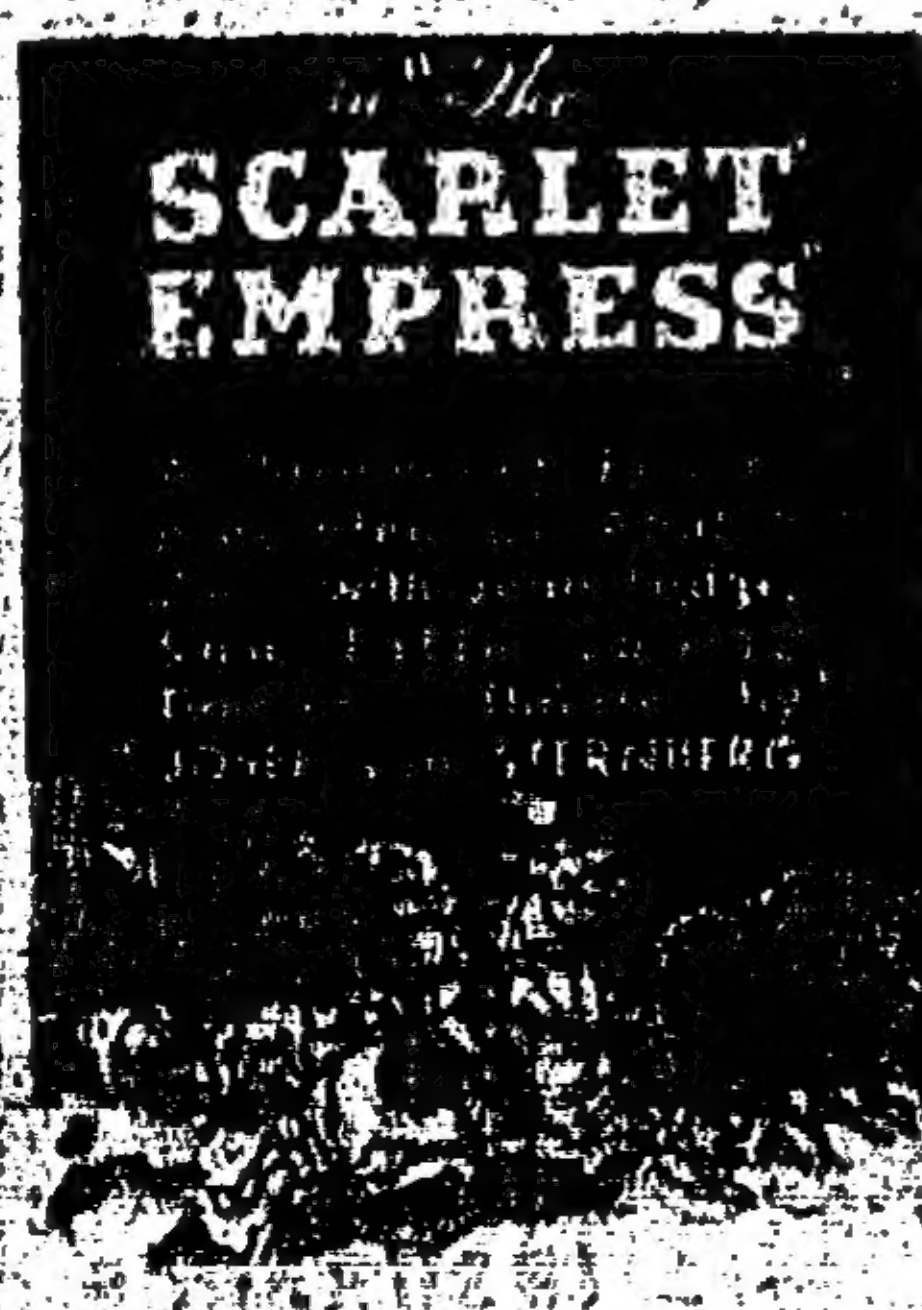
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, THE CHAIRMAN, MR. J. H. TAGGART, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THIS MORNING, SAID THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF SATISFACTION THAT THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY AND THAT THE BALANCE SHEET REFLECTED A POSITION OF SOUND FINANCIAL STABILITY.

The chairman said:—

The Annual Meeting this year is of more than usual interest as it marks a period of fifty years since the inception of the Company, which was in fact incorporated in Hong Kong in the year 1889. It is, therefore, a matter of satisfaction to your Directors that, despite the vicissitudes with which your Company has had to contend from time to time, particularly in recent years, they are enabled to record a satisfactory year of operation with profitable results.

## DIVIDEND MAINTAINED

The nett profit for the year amounts to \$404,615.62, which, added to the sum of \$178,084.15 brought forward from the preceding year, makes available an amount of \$582,699.77 to be dealt with.

In the opinion of your Board this result warrants their recommendation that the distribution should be on similar lines to last year, namely, the payment of a Dividend at the rate of \$1.00 per share and a Bonus of 25 cents per share, absorbing \$244,307.50. Your Directors propose to transfer \$100,000 to General Reserve, thereby increasing that Account to \$1,150,000; to create an Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Reserve by appropriating thereto a sum of \$100,000; to pay a Bonus to Staff, amounting to \$13,554.05, and to carry forward a balance of \$124,778.22 to the Account for the current Financial Year.

It will be noted that the Profit for the year 1938 is down by \$66,380.35, attributable to the fact that certain major Contracts were entered into by the Company at "cut" rates, prior to the outbreak of Japanese Hostilities: when the effect of intensified dumping of Foreign Cement on the local market had to be encountered. The fulfilment of such Contracts—rendered further disadvantageous by reason of advanced costs—resulted in substantial losses. All such Contracts have now been completed, however, and present forward commitments are all of a profitable nature.

## LOSSES ABSORBED

You will doubtless recollect that I foreshadowed last year that such losses were inevitable and I venture to say that we may regard it as fortunate that we have been able to not only absorb the loss, but at the same time to present a showing for the year which cannot but be regarded as eminently satisfactory. Furthermore, when effecting comparison of Profits for 1937 and 1938, it must be borne in mind that, due to increased costs of raw material last year, coupled with heavier maintenance charges consequent upon the operation of your mechanical plant at full capacity output, production costs have perforce shown a considerable increase, to which eventually I also referred at your last Annual Meeting.

It will be observed from the Report of your Auditors that no provision has been made for Depreciation on Plant and Floating Craft. I would remind you that these Assets were written down to a more or less "breaking-up" value in the Capital Reorganization of the Company, undertaken in 1924, and the present residual book values thereof stand at a figure which—in the opinion of your Board—cannot but be regarded as ultra-conservative. In such circumstances and retaining in mind the fact that your Company has been operating on a prime cost basis since the drastic reconstruction undertaken, your Directors do not propose the fixation of an Annual Depreciation Rate off the Fixed Assets at this juncture, but prefer to provide for relative contingencies by augmenting the Gen-

eral Reserve from time to time.

## CASH POSITION

Comparing the cash position with that of the previous year, it will be noted that whereas at the 31st December, 1937, the Company was in credit to the extent of \$403,269.28, the Accounts now display an Overdraft position of \$158,182.25. This depletion of the Company's Funds is accounted for by the very substantial increases in the stocks of all raw materials at your Hok Un Works, in conformity with the policy of maintaining sufficient supplies on hand, capable of meeting any emergency that might arise. In this connection and having in mind Contracts entered upon, it will doubtless be a source of satisfaction to Shareholders to learn that the Company has, at the present time "in situ" at Hok Un, over 100,000 tons of Limestone, more than 100,000 tons of Coal and 2,000 tons of Gypsum, representing an increase in the value of stocks of raw materials carried, amounting to \$729,150.44, as compared with the position displayed at the end of 1937, the relative figures being \$1,316,052.03 as against \$586,901.59.

In the matter of Limestone supplies, your Company was fortunate in placing a Contract for 200,000 tons at a considerable reduction in price, made possible by a drop in freight rates, of which Contract 100,000 tons still remain to be delivered; on completion of such Contract the position of your Company—vis-a-vis raw material—will in effect resolve itself into one whereby a supply of Limestone sufficient for two years' working at full capacity will be maintained on hand.

## PRODUCTION FIGURES

Due to depreciation in the values of your Company's Investments—during the course of last year—your Directors deem it expedient to inaugurate an Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, to which the sum of \$100,000 has been allocated from the Profits, in which connection it is proposed in future to utilize the Reserve thus created as an adjusting medium in regulating the fluctuation of the Contra Assets. Whilst on this subject I may add that the Investments held by your Company are in sound local counters of a non-speculative nature.

Your Plant has continued to function in a most satisfactory manner, the total production for the year amounting to 108,298 tons of Cement. This figure constitutes a record over the term of seven years during which such Plant has been in operation, and it is once again my pleasant duty to record a vote of thanks to your Staff, particularly to those responsible for the maintenance of your Installation at Hok Un. It is of interest that the guaranteed annual output of your Plant is 110,000 tons of Cement, but, of course, allowance must be made for stoppages which are inevitable from time to time when machinery is kept in constant operation. In the circumstances, and in here expressing appreciation in respect of their loyalty to the interests of your Company, I feel confident that Shareholders will endorse the proposal of your Board to implement such expression in a practical manner by voting a Bonus to the Staff of 10% on their salaries for the year under review.

## CONSOLIDATING POSITION

The Japanese occupation of South China had little or no effect upon the conditions governing the business of your Company, having regard to the fact that, due to regulations enforced and prohibitive duties levied by the Authorities some years prior to the outbreak of Hostilities, our exports to

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# OFFICIAL DENIAL OF BRITISH INTERVENTION TO SECURE SPANISH TRUCE

London, To-day.

The British Government has made no representations to the Spanish authorities concerned in favour of an armistice, declared the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to questions in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Butler added that the Government was watching the situation but did not consider it advisable at present to take responsibility of sponsoring any particular terms of settlement.

## MIAJA PROCLAMATION

The leader of the New Junta in Madrid, General Miaja last night issued a proclamation to the Republicans in Spain announcing early end of the Spanish civil war.

The proclamation points out that the "Council for National Defence" has been formed to get General Franco to agree to "honourable" peace terms. This and nothing else the proclamation says, is the duty this Council has to fulfil.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

## PROHIBITED ZONE

The General staff of the Franco Central Army besieging Madrid has proclaimed a prohibited zone of 30 km. in depth in the rear of the front-line trenches round Madrid.

Except for the troops stationed in the zone, no-one is allowed to enter the zone without a special military passport.

The Minister of the Interior conferred with General Barron and General Asencio yesterday to settle organization questions in connection with the future administration and occupation of cities still in loyalist hands.

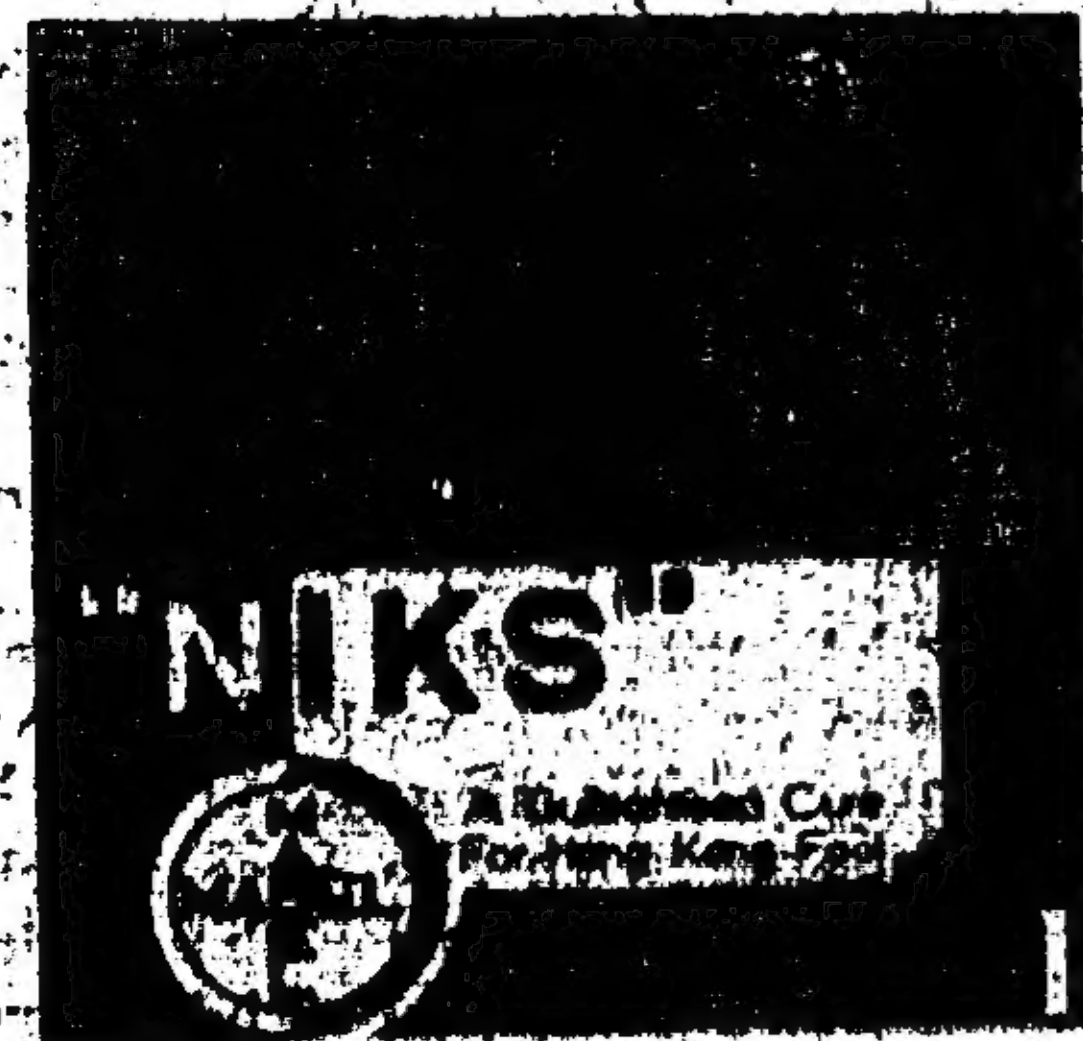
Barcelona reports the arrest of the so-called "Control Committee of Street Car Enterprises." The committee is accused having sentenced to death 100 street-car employees when the city was still under the Republican regime.

## THREE T.B.D.'S SUNK

Paris, To-day.

Three torpedo-boats of the Republican fleet which left Cartagena in an attempt to reach Bizerta were attacked and sunk by 80 National Spanish bombers.

This has been revealed by survivors.—Trans-Ocean.



## MR. BUTLER GIVES SAME OLD ANSWER

London, To-day.

When pressed in the House of Commons yesterday regarding prospects for resumption of railway and steamer services between Hong Kong and Canton, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, referred to his previous answer.

Mr. Butler added he was not in a position to say when resumption of railway services could be predicted.

The matter was being discussed by the Consul-General at Canton with his Japanese colleagues.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN INCREASE OF LIBYAN ARMY

London, To-day.

Information in the possession of the Foreign Secretary indicated that the Italian Government was carrying out the decision to increase their forces in Libya by 30,000 men, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler added that when the increase was finished they would amount to approximately the same as before the signing of the Anglo-Italian Agreement.—Reuter.

## ITALO-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian-Italian negotiations on the demarcation of the frontier between Egypt and Lybia will begin in Rome in the middle of March.—Trans-Ocean.

## CARTAGENA REVOLT ENDED

Madrid, To-day.

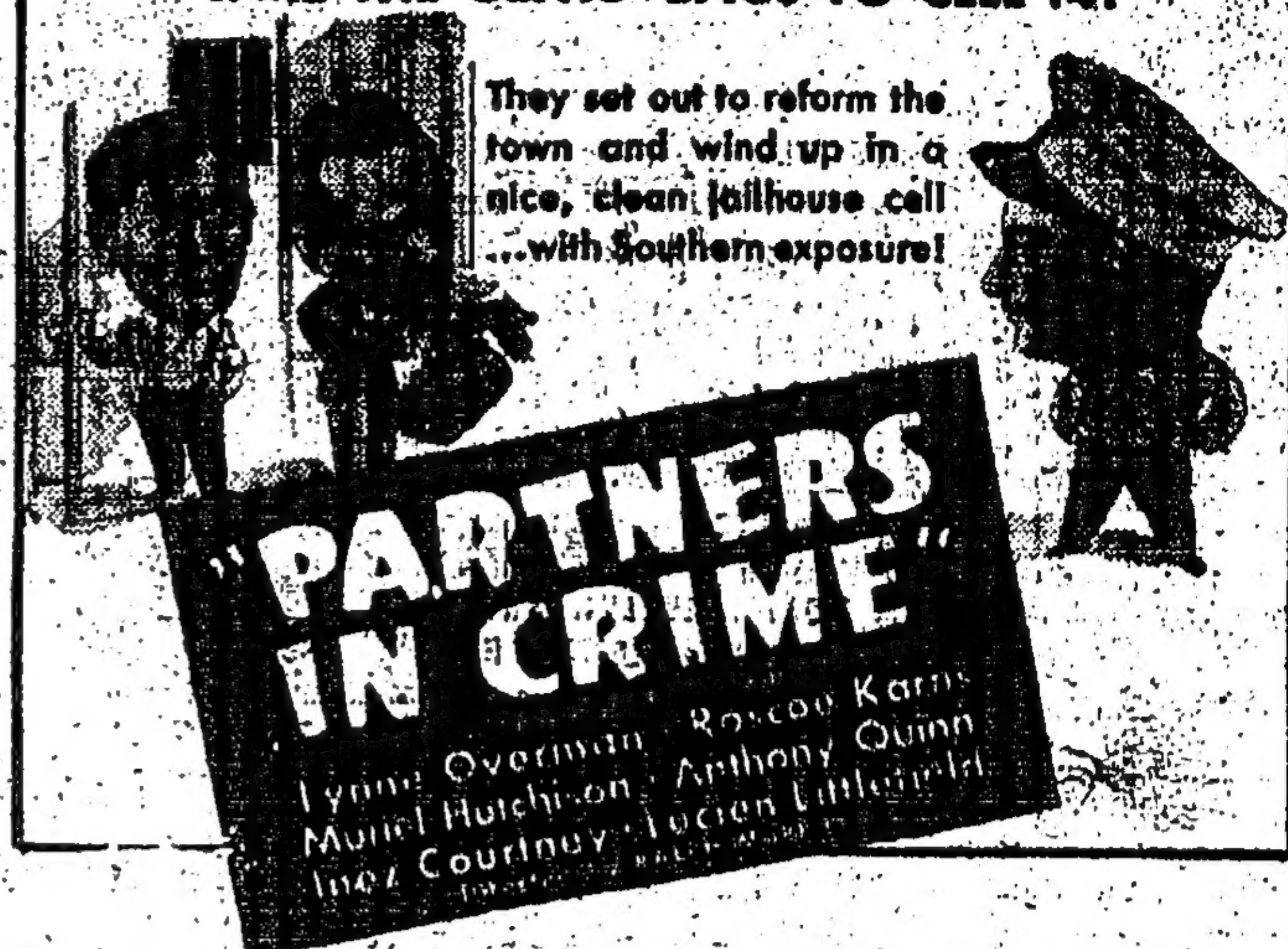
The commander in Cartagena has informed General Miaja that the revolt in Cartagena has been completely suppressed.—Trans-Ocean.

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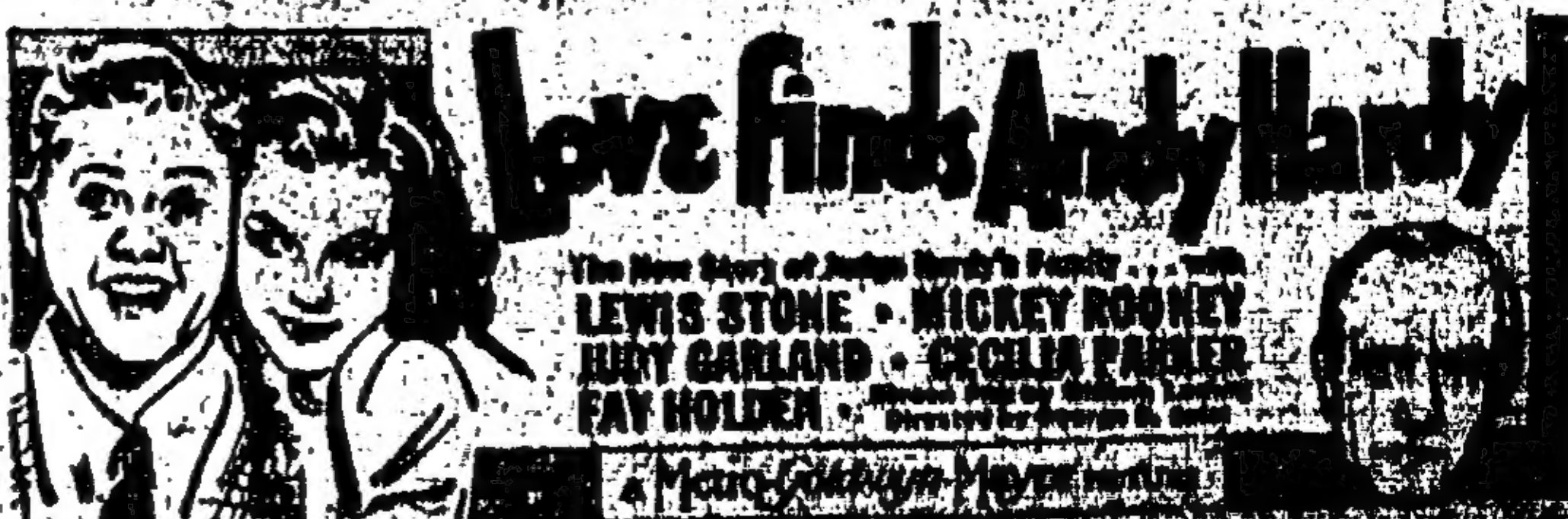
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## BRITAIN'S READINESS TO SEND FORCE TO CONTINENT IN WARTIME

London, To-day.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, began his speech in the House of Commons yesterday by reference to a question which he thought uppermost in the mind of the House, namely to what extent Britain should be prepared in the event of war to intervene with land forces on the continent of Europe.

The question was, he said, a searching one and could only be adequately discussed within the context of the country's strategic problems.

After nearly an hour devoted to the examination of the dispositions made in relation to these problems, Mr. Hore-Belisha came back to that same question, recalling the declaration of the Prime Minister on December 14, which he had reinforced on February 11, and which had left in no doubt the position which in certain eventualities Great Britain would assume.

On the latter occasion Mr. Chamberlain had said he felt "bound to make it plain that the solidarity of interest by which France and this country are united is such that any threat to the vital interest of France from whatever quarter it came must evoke immediate the co-operation of this country."

That declaration was of greater significance than any which had preceded it, and made it incumbent to consider and prepare for the use of a field force in certain eventualities.

### PRUDENT MINDS

The War Secretary went on: "The conversations between ourselves and the French have not committed us in this respect but prudent minds should be ready for any eventuality. If we are involved in war, our contribution and the ways in which we can best make it will not be half-hearted nor upon any theory of limited liability."

"We have on our side made plans—plans of great detail. We have made a calculation of the shipping requirement."

"The principle which we lay down is this. In order that it may be possible for us to deliver our maximum effort in a continental war, should the need arise, the productive arrangement we should make in peace together with accumulated reserves and new capacity which could be created and brought into operation must be sufficient to equal and maintain each echelon of the force as it is deployed. By the time the last of the serial dates is reached new forces should be trained and necessary additional provision for their equipment and maintenance made."

### HISTORICAL QUALIFICATION

The historical qualification of British military effort abroad still remained—every soldier who fought had to be transported and every weapon he used, shell he fired, vehicle he drove had to be carried overseas.

The whole of the army could not therefore arrive simultaneously in the theatre of war where Continental armies might already be in position. It would have to be despatched in echelons on serial dates.

In this context the Minister made one short reference to the advocates of conscription. He said that while

the case for national service in peacetime which would provide larger security now might be argued on grounds of moral and physical wellbeing, it would be a mistake to assume it would necessarily affect in the degree sometimes suggested the dimensions of Britain's initial contribution abroad.

### BRITISH STRATEGY

In a survey of the military purposes for which British forces were maintained and the manner in which they were being discharged, Mr. Hore-Belisha recalled that the foundation of British strategy had been to maintain land forces which in conjunction with sea power would be sufficient to safeguard British territories.

He showed how developments in the air had restored home defence to the first place which it had always occupied until 1905, when Mr. Balfour, on the basis of material accumulated by the newly constituted Defence Committee, had relegated the role of the Army in home defence to more limited proportions, and it had become possible to form a striking force from the strategic reserve.

### OVERSEAS GARRISONS

Turning from home defence to overseas garrisons, the War Secretary questioned whether in recent years there had been adequate realisation of the extent to which the country's sea power depended upon the Army's defence of naval bases which themselves were encompassed with new perils.

The principle upon which they were proceeding and which he had announced a year ago was in fact a reversion to the doctrine laid down in 1882 by the Caernarvon Commission that stations far distant from the United Kingdom in close proximity to those of foreign powers and liable to sudden attack must have their garrisons kept at war strength.

### FIELD FORCE

From the strategic reserve was drawn the field force, both Regular and Territorial—for by the recent Government decision the Territorial part was now being prepared, trained and equipped to meet the event of war in the European theatre.

Mr. Hore-Belisha stated the dimensions of the field force as four Regular and nine Territorial infantry divisions, two Regular and one Territorial armoured divisions, three motorised Territorial divisions and in addition two Territorial cavalry brigades and a number of unbrigaded units, Regular and Territorial, making more than nineteen divisions in all. This compared with the seven divisions of Lord Haldane's Expeditionary Force in 1914—British Wireless.



# REORGANISATION OF ARMY FOR DEFENCE

## Five A.A. Divisions In U.K. To Be Increased

### New System Of Local Recruiting In Empire

London, To-day.

The striking progress of reorganisation of the Army for protection of the British Empire, was revealed by the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, presenting the Army estimates in the House of Commons yesterday.

Dealing first with the current financial year, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that five anti-aircraft divisions had replaced the two which formerly existed and corps headquarters had been established to control them.

Whole time administrative and maintenance assistance available to anti-aircraft units had been increased.

More concrete emplacements had been and were being prepared, and more guns would be kept on their sites.

The transport system had been overhauled and accelerated, as well as the methods for calling out personnel.

During the coming financial year he proposed to add two more to the five established anti-aircraft divisions, making seven divisions.

He would also increase the existing number of batteries by between 50 and 100 per cent.

#### WAR COMPLEMENT

Every existing medium and heavy anti-aircraft battery would have its war complement of guns, and every searchlight company its searchlights.

A new factory for 3.7 guns had been started, and production would begin in the autumn.

Deliveries of a 40 m.m. gun of Swedish design for light anti-aircraft batteries would begin in the autumn, and meanwhile a quantity had been purchased abroad.

#### MALTA RECRUITING

Dealing with defence overseas, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that with the object of maintaining peace garrisons at a strength adequate for defence on the outbreak of war without trenching upon the Regular Army, they were wherever possible enlisting local personnel.

They had arranged an addition of 1,100 Maltese gunners to the existing establishment, and were also forming a depot at Malta for training recruits both for Maltese and British units.

#### H.K. FORCE

British officers were being despatched to Cyprus to ascertain to what extent they could meet the desire of the people to play their part in Imperial defence.

They would increase the Malay and Indian establishments at

Singapore by about 1,000, and the Chinese and Indian personnel at Hong Kong by the same number.

For the first time they proposed to raise Ceylonese soldiers on a regular basis to man part of the coast and anti-aircraft defence.

In other parts of the Empire also they were employing local personnel.

#### STRATEGIC RESERVES

In order to secure freedom of manoeuvre for the Fleet and to reduce to a minimum calls upon it for escorts, they were strengthening the defences at overseas ports and were forming strategic reserves in the Middle East, India and the United Kingdom.

The Middle East reserve at present included two divisions stationed in Palestine, each consisting of two brigades of four battalions each.

#### INDIA'S TRANSFERS

It was intended to regard this reserve as a separate force free from the necessity of drawing on home resources.

It was hoped that the outcome of the proposals of Lord Chatfield's committee would result in a second conveniently located strategic reserve in India.

Already India had transferred to the British establishment four infantry battalions, all of which were now in the Mediterranean area, and a cavalry regiment.

#### U.K. STRENGTH

As in the case of the home defence army and of the strengthened garrisons overseas, the Middle East reserve would not affect the size of the strategic reserves of the United Kingdom from which was drawn the field force which was trained and equipped to meet the event of war in the European theatre.

This was composed of thirteen infantry divisions, three motorised divisions, three armoured-car divisions, two cavalry brigades, and a number of unbrigaded units.

### ITALIAN MISSIONARY MURDERED

Peiping, To-day.  
The Italian Franciscan missionary, Father Cucci, has been murdered at his missionary station in the province of Shansi, 20 kilometres west of Kuohsien on the railway from Tatung to Taiyuan, according to despatches reaching Peiping.—Trans-Ocean.

Continuing, Mr. Hore-Belisha said: "The state of our production is such that may I hope it can be safely predicted that the whole of the regular divisions of our striking force will be equipped for action. I cannot say to the last gaiter button, but to the last skiing suit—for such I may describe our battle dress—within the coming financial year, except for the new armoured-car division not yet created."

Units had now received large supplies of light tanks, considered the best of their kind.

Alluding to the Territorial Army, Mr. Hore-Belisha revealed that half the establishment of the Auxiliary Territorial Service for women had already been reached.

Establishment of National Defence companies was now 6,000, and 500 had to be raised.

They would recall this year a proportion of the regular reserve, namely 1,000 officers and 16,000 other ranks.

#### HALF MILLION READY

Dealing with recruiting, Mr. Hore-Belisha mentioned that they had effectives of all ranks, exclusive of British troops in India and Burma, 531,353, representing an increase of 83,000 in twelve months.

They had taken 40,000 recruits in the current financial year—a period when the demands of the Navy and Air Force more than doubled since 1936.

The shortage would be 16,000 on the present establishment on March 31, but a slight improvement in recruiting would overtake this in the next financial year.

#### THE TERRIERS

The Territorial Army was actually over the establishment authorised at the beginning of the financial year 1938/39.

This had never been the case in peace time before.

With 77,000 recruits in twelve months, compared with 45,000 the previous year, recruiting for the Territorials had easily broken all records since foundation of the Territorial Army, and they were raising the establishment to approximately 250,000.

Dealing with mobilisation plans, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that within four days of mobilisation, 200 centres would be open to serve all the fighting forces.

#### "FOR DURATION"

All arrangements at these centres had been made, and the

### DEMAND FOR WORK ON GUAM REPEATED

Washington, To-day.

In spite of the fact that Administrative leaders have pronounced in favour of shelving the Guam Fortification Bill, Admiral Morrell, head of the department for dockyards and harbours, repeated his demand for getting the project started without delay when the matter came up for discussion at Wednesday's meeting of the Senate's Navy Committee.

The opposite view was taken by Senator David Walsh who hinted, however, that while it would not be worth while antagonizing Japan by starting the fortifications now, the project might be taken in hand by way of the Civilian Appropriation Bill.

Admiral Morrell pointed out that a similar course had been taken with Midway and Wake Islands, with the result that much valuable time had been lost.

Work at Midway Island would not be completed until next year, while work on Wake Island had not been started yet.—Trans-Ocean.

### RAIL STOCK RETURNED

Paris, To-day.

All railway rolling stock and material taken to France by the Catalan authorities on their flight before General Franco has been returned to Spain by the French authorities via Puigcerda and handed to the Nationalist Government, according to a statement issued here.

Only one Republican armoured train was held back.—Trans-Ocean.

### SOVIET NAVY SHOCK

Moscow, To-day.

The Chief Political Commissar of the Soviet Russian Navy, Saposhkoff, has been placed under arrest. This report was circulated here on Wednesday, but no-one is in position to account for the arrest.—Trans-Ocean.

Before Mr. Edwards this morning, Li Kau, 31, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, for stealing a fountain pen from a Chinese Customs officer in Queen's Road Central last night.

Wu Ching-ping was sentenced to three months' hard labour for a similar offence.

British Legion had offered help in providing extra Army recruits and clerks.

All recruits after mobilisation, excepting those undertaking normal peace engagements, would be enlisted in the Territorial Army for the duration of the war.



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## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

## MARRY IN HASTE

The night before Malcolm Rivers departed for Arizona he said to Ruby Seymore: "I'll be gone only a few months. You'll wait for me. won't you, darling?"

"Of course I will, Mal. You know I will. I could never love anyone else now."

Malcolm only half heard her answer. He was thinking of to-morrow and how grand it was going to be getting away by himself. Oh, he loved Ruby. He intended to marry her some day, but he was still young. He had been a little too ardent in his courtship, had promised too much. He wasn't quite ready to be tied down for life.

The job in Arizona wasn't anything Malcolm would have sought. It was an opportunity to work in one of the copper mines owned by the company for which, as a clerk, he was getting his start in his chosen profession. Of course the experience would one day doubtlessly prove valuable to him, but it was not compulsory, and under ordinary conditions he wouldn't have taken it.

He promised Ruby he would write at least once a week, and for a time he kept this promise. As a matter of fact he was at first lonesome, and this writing to Ruby was like a contact with the outside world. Social life at the mine was almost nil.

Then, toward the end of the first

the first three pages. On the bottom of the fourth page he read: "Bill Talmage asked me to see 'Heartbreak' with him at the Capital. Oh, Mal, it's the most wonderful play I think I've ever seen. How I do wish you were here--"

Malcolm scowled. Who the devil was this Talmage lad? It seemed to him that Ruby was more interested in him than she was in the play. He thought of asking about Talmage in his next letter, but decided against it. Asking would only be an admission of the fact that he was concerned.

Almost three weeks passed before he heard from Ruby again. Rowena and Xenia went back East. Mal began to fret. He tried to convince himself that he didn't care whether Ruby wrote or not, but each time the mail car arrived he was the first out to greet it. When the letter finally did get there he ripped it open in a fever of excitement.

"Please forgive me for not writing sooner, darling. Bill wanted me to join a party going up to the Laurentians for a week's skiing. I should have written you from there, but--"

That day Malcolm made arrangements to cut short his time in Arizona. Three days later he took a train for New York. Ruby was not at the

## By Barbara Ann Benedict

month, Rowena French daughter of Bob French, the mine superintendent, arrived for a month's vacation. Rowena had a girl friend accompanying her, a blond named Xenia Nesbit. The two girls were seniors at Wellesley, attractive, interested in this new life, eager to be shown about. Their arrival to Malcolm, was like sunshine after a prolonged period of fog. Malcolm found that with blonde Xenia Nesbit for a companion not only the mine, but the heretofore dull town of Globe had much to offer.

The first week after the arrival of the girls Malcolm was so busy he forgot completely about his letter to Ruby. When he thought of it toward the middle of the second week he dashed off a few hurried lines and dispatched them without a qualm of conscience.

He didn't think of Ruby again for four days. Then a letter from her arrived. It was as usual gay and bright and chatty. It lacked only one detail in its usual formula. There was a paragraph that mentioned a trip to New Hampshire on which she was escorted by a certain Bill Talmage.

A frown appeared on Malcolm's forehead. Who, he wondered, was Bill Talmage? He racked his brain, but could recall no one of their acquaintance with such a name. He frowned again, feeling queerly disturbed. Then young Jim Wade came in and said the girls were waiting to take a ride. He shoved the letter into his desk and forgot about it.

However, when he wrote to Ruby again, Malcolm was careful to avoid mention of the two girls who were his and Jim Wade's constant companions. And when, a week later, Ruby's reply came he opened it almost eagerly. He hurried through

station to meet him. He taxied out to her apartment. She was alone, which eased his anxiety a little. He had half expected that a gentleman named Bill Talmage would be there with her.

He took her into his arms and kissed her, then held her off. For the first time he noticed how beautiful she was, how desirable. Curious how he had not noticed these things before.

"I came home because I couldn't stand being away from you any longer. Will you marry me at once?"

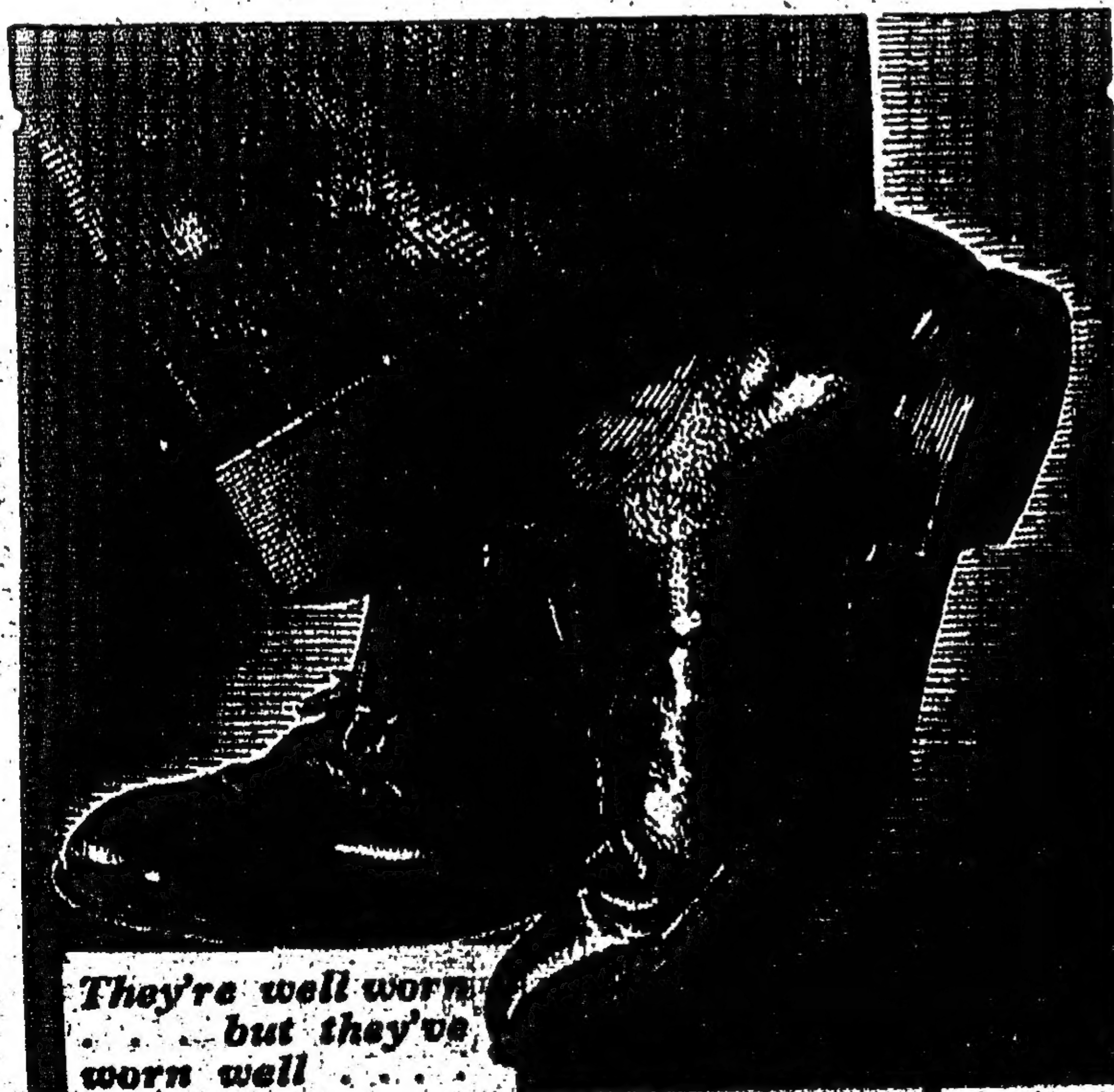
Mal! At once? Why, I—I—"

"Is it Bill Talmage?"

"Mal! Of course not. Bill's gone to Europe for a couple of months anyhow."

The next week they were married. Ruby was thrilled and eager and happy. Sometime, she thought, she'd have to tell Mal how worried she had been, and that Bill Talmage was her thirteen-year-old cousin. What he didn't know now wouldn't hurt him.

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# Britain Submitting Plan To Arab And Jews Next Week

## CEMENT COMPANY'S GOOD YEAR

(Continued from Page 4)

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I now beg to formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Mr. B. Wong Tape seconded.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. T. E. Pearce were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. S. S. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wong Man-ching, while Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. Lau Shiu-chuen, seconded by Mr. Kong Man-shing.

The following attended:

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## LUICHOW LANDING FEARS

Yungyun, Kwangtung, To-day. It is widely rumoured that the Japanese are preparing to land on Luichow Peninsula.

Japanese troops on Hainan have been increased to about 16,000 men.

Repeated bombings of towns in the peninsula point to the possibility of such a Japanese move.

Two Japanese warships appeared off Fongshing, west of Pakhoi yesterday, but took no action.—Central News.

## GREW HEAVIER AS HE GREW OLDER

His System was Becoming Sluggish

It is the fate of many people to put on weight after reaching the age of forty. This is usually a sign that the internal organs are getting sluggish and lazy in their work. The remedy is simple—the little daily dose of Kruschen can be counted on to put matters right, as it did in the case of this man:—

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## VARIATION OF ORIGINAL SUGGESTIONS

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively announced that Britain is considering definite proposals on the Palestine question which will be submitted to the Arab and Jewish delegations early next week.

It is understood that the British Government put forward certain suggestions ten days ago and now have a clear idea of their reception by the Arab and Jewish delegates.

Although there are still some details to be further considered, it is thought the British Government is now in a position to work out what might be considered a possible settlement.

The rest of this week will be devoted to considering what are described as "the final British proposals for all-round agreement on the Palestine question."

The British Government is understood to be anxious to have discussions with both Arabs and Jews in the course of preparation of their proposals, which when they come before the Conference, will constitute what the British Government regards as the basis on which it would like agreement, if agreement is possible.

### MAIN PRINCIPLES

While the British Government may possibly amend these proposals in detail, it is understood the principles will be adhered to.

The British Government still do not regard the position as hopeless, and the Conference will be continued into next week to see whether the British proposals can lead to a settlement.

If the proposals do not then give a basis for agreement, it is stated the British Government will announce its policy on its own responsibility.—Reuter.

## EVADING FARE

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning on Fung Kam-cheung, 19, for avoiding payment of bus fare.

The youth boarded a bus at junction of Nathan Road and Fife Street, buying a five-cent ticket, which was valid to the Po Hing Theatre.

The youth was asked to buy another ticket when passing Austin Road. An argument started and the youth jumped out of the bus and started to run away.

## CHEATED!

A Chinese who thought he should have been given twelve months' imprisonment, told the Magistrate at Kowloon this morning, when he pleaded guilty to three charges following a raid on his residence, a heroin den.

The three sentences passed totalled 11 months, and accused, exclaimed, with a grimace that he had been cheated of a month!

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese women throughout the country celebrated International Women's Day yesterday.

Mass meetings were held in all leading cities including Chungking, Chengtu, Kunming, Kweiyang, Kweilin, Wuchow, Shiukwan, Yuenling and Nanchang.

The Chungking meeting was attended by several thousand women. Madame Chiang Kai-shek made the opening address and was followed by the American chairman of the International Women's Association. A mammoth torch parade was held after the meeting.—Central News.

## POLICE RAID

A coolie, Cheung Hop, 32, alleged keeper of gaming den in Haiphong Road, who was arrested with ten other coolies during a police raid last night, had his bail of \$35 estreated by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he failed to appear. The ten coolies were each fined \$1, while the table money, \$4.52, was contributed to the Poor Box.

## THEFT FROM ARMY STORE

Li Kwong, 20, was brought before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, charged with larceny of 232 catties of firewood, from the R.A.S.C. Depot.

Inspector A. V. Baker said defendant got over the wall and removed the wood, with another man. He was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

## THREE DAYS AFTER

Chan Loi, 30, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with stealing \$12.10 from Mr. F. M. L. Soares, at No. 38 Stubbs Road, yesterday.

Mr. Soares said defendant had been employed as a coolie in his house for three days. Yesterday defendant was in his bed room, sweeping the floor. When witness entered the room, defendant went to the verandah. From his trousers, \$12.10 was missing, defendant denied knowing anything about it, but the money was found in the garden.

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**NEW ZEALAND AND  
BRITAIN**

Some false alarms have been raised among a section of British industrialists by New Zealand's decision to subject British imports to the new licensing restrictions. Mr. Moir Mackenzie, Director of the Federation of British Industries, has made some highly critical remarks about the import control plans of Mr. Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand. He complains that they are contrary to the spirit of the Ottawa Agreements. The President of the Federation has also written a letter to the Board of Trade objecting to the threatened high protection of New Zealand's secondary industries at the expense of Britain.

Superficially the British manufacturers appear to have a strong case. In 1937 British exports to New Zealand were only £28,000,000 (New Zealand currency) as against £50,000,000 imports. But this, in the first place, was a great improvement as compared with the year 1932, when the figures were £12,575,000 and £31,300,000, respectively. And, secondly, Britain's invisible exports shipping charges, cost of interest, etc., are not included in these figures.

New Zealand found itself recently in the position that its excess of exports to all countries was not enough to cover its invisible imports. What was it to do? It could take more manufactured goods from Britain if Britain could contrive to take more of its farming produce. But the British farming community also has to be considered. In its present distressed state it would have every reason to complain if it were further undercut by New Zealand imports in the interest of British manufacturers.

Indeed, the time has come when Dominions like New Zealand and Australia must be expected to turn to the task of developing manufacturing industries of their own. If this course is followed, the Dominions may become more prosperous and have more to spend; in the long run they may be larger importers than they are now. It may well be that this will be better for both countries, and better for the Empire.

**Atlantis Rules**

**The Waves**

Great Britain, according to Prof. Vittorio Caestani, the Italian naturalist, is none other than the fabled Atlantis, the lost island of which Plato wrote on more than one occasion. If Professor Caestani is right, the search of men through many ages is at last ended, and their prehistoric legends confirmed.

Atlantis is said to have been a renowned kingdom 9,000 years before the birth of the Greek philosopher Solon, and the question of its existence was seriously debated even as late as the eighteenth century. Montaigne, Buffon, and Voltaire all gave the matter their sharpest attention.

The proofs which Professor Caestani advances are highly ingenious: Atlantis had a giant temple of Poseidon; that must be Stonehenge. The island was governed by philosophers — an obvious reference to the Druids, of course. It was flat, and surrounded by mountains — well, the Welsh mountains border the central plain of England. The fact that Atlantis is reputed to have sunk beneath the waves might be thought to introduce a difficulty, but Professor Caestani lightly brushes it aside. After all, he reflects, this part of the story was probably an exaggeration. An exaggeration, one may add, which is only greater than that which assumes Britain itself will soon sink out of sight.

**Shelter Above And Below**

Simultaneously with the first deliveries of steel shelters, Sir John Anderson last week made a statement on the protection of those very large sections of the population to whose case that expedient is not applicable. This involved the subjects of evacuation, billeting, and bomb-proof deep shelters and his explanations were not altogether satisfactory. It is hard to see how the maintenance of economic activity in threatened areas can be sustained without some access to the bowels of the earth. And the energy with which the problem is being worked out in so many independent quarters would seem to promise that its difficulties of time and effort could be reduced from Sir John's impression.

**The Call For Camps**

In any event the Government's experiment of constructing fifty camps seems assured, under the pressure of public opinion, of being several times multiplied. Quite apart from the opportunity it gives of bringing unemployed labour directly in play, the camps seem assured, under the camp is the obvious answer to several developing social needs. The great extension of holiday privileges will create a demand for such inexpensive accommodation, and it meets as nothing else can those needs for children's health and recreation of which Britons are increasingly conscious. Furthermore, it seems impossible that any serious programme of evacuation in time of war could be carried out without a much larger provision of camps than has yet been decided.

**Co-operation or—**

The visits of British Ministers to Berlin, Moscow, and other European capitals will spread a clearer understanding of Britain's attitude to trade problems. The fact that they are directly representing not only the British Government but the Federation of British Industries shows that we are fully seized of the change of commercial conditions brought about by the methods of the totalitarian Powers. If the effort is needed, we are as capable as they are of a unified policy, and in commerce as in other spheres we are ready to use the weapons with which we are armed if co-operation (which we prefer) is not feasible.



# Two British Banks Lending Ten Million Sterling To China

## "LEGITIMATE SUPPORT FOR CHINA" — MR. QUO TAI-CHI

London, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, commenting on the £10,000,000 loan announcement, said:

"The British Government's announcement of a joint exchange stabilisation fund for China doubly reflects China's solvency alike in her finance and trade and in her territorial and administrative scope.

"Britain's co-operation with China at this juncture indicates increasing awareness that Western interests at home and in the Far East can best be maintained now by the fullest legitimate support for China.

"The arrangement will be warmly welcomed by my country not only for its material help but also as evidence that the community of British and Chinese interests is to be protected." — Reuter.

### H.K. BANK SHARE

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that the Government had agreed to give a £5,000,000 guarantee which would enable the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and the Chartered Bank to participate in a stabilisation fund for support of Chinese currency.

Sir John Simon said: "The stability of the Chinese dollar is a matter of great importance to this country in view of our financial and economic relations with China.

"The Chinese Government have achieved considerable success in their efforts to maintain the convertibility of Chinese currency for trade transactions, to limit its depreciation in exchange against sterling and to keep the rate reasonably stable for many months.

### JOINT FUND

"They have informed His Majesty's Government that they intend to continue their existing monetary policy and that as part of that policy they desire to establish a stabilisation fund of £10,000,000 sterling in addition to their other reserves.

"They invited the two Chinese Government banks to subscribe a total of £5,000,000 to the fund and two British banks, namely the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and the Chartered Bank, to subscribe a further £5,000,000 between them.

"The British banks have agreed to subscribe these amounts subject to receiving an undertaking from the Treasury to reimburse them for any loss that might be incurred when the fund is wound up.

### TWELVE-MONTHS PLAN

"The arrangement would be that the fund would operate for twelve months but it could be continued for further periods of six months by agreement. If the necessity arose, however, the fund could be wound up at any earlier time.

"His Majesty's Government would welcome establishment of this stabilisation fund, successful working of which would be of material assistance to British trade and enterprise in China, and the Treasury have agreed, subject to legislative approval being obtained, to give to these banks the guarantee against loss for which they

ask. A Bill is being prepared and I hope to present it early next week." — British Wireless.

## BANK LOAN WITH GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, announced in the House of Commons yesterday the formation by the Chinese Government of a stabilisation fund of £10,000,000.

Sir John said two British banks had agreed to subscribe £5,000,000 each, the remainder being found by the two Chinese Government banks.

British banks had agreed to subscribe the amounts subject to receiving an undertaking from the Treasury to reimburse them against loss.

The Treasury had agreed to give the banks such a guarantee and a Bill was being prepared to give legislative approval to the proposal. — Reuter.

## ITALIAN DEFICIT

Rome, To-day.

It was announced in the Italian official "Gazette" yesterday that Italy's national deficit during 1938 was the equivalent of £180,000,000. — Trans-Ocean.

## DEATH OF MR. G. FRANKLIN NIGHTINGALE

The death is announced from England of Mr. George Franklin Nightingale, who was headmaster of the Kowloon (now Central) British School for many years.

The late Mr. Nightingale was 63 years of age and he spent 17 years in the Colony, from 1917, when he was appointed to Queen's College until 1934.

He passed away at Bickley, Kent, as the result of an attack of pneumonia, on February 26.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Nightingale and their daughter, in their bereavement.

## DUKE OF NORFOLK FOR ROME

London, To-day.

The King has appointed the Duke of Norfolk to be his special ambassador and to represent him at the coronation of Pope Pius XII on Sunday. — British Wireless.

## STILL BOUND BY MANDATE

London, To-day.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the Palestine Conference, the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, said he was not yet in a position to add anything to his statement of February 27.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) asked if Mr. Macdonald would give an assurance that the British Mandate remained the basis of the conference.

Mr. Macdonald replied that the Government was still bound by the Mandate but beyond that he could not make any statement at present. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN WINS WOMEN'S SQUASH

London, To-day.

Great Britain beat the United States in a women's squash racquets contest at Queen's Club yesterday by 5 matches to 0.

The British champion, Margot Lumb, beat the American champion, Anne Page, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0.

This is Britain's fourth win since the matches began in 1933. — Reuter.

Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Jorgenson, Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Mills, Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Neale, Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Rouse, Mr. & Mrs. Sweet, Mr. W. J. Waddington were among passengers who left in the Patroclus for the United Kingdom.

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# JAPANESE WAR AIMS

## No Intention Of Slackening In Offensives

### NAVAL CONTROL ON SPANISH PORTS TO END

London, To-day.

The British Government is making efforts to dissuade other countries from following the Soviet in leaving the Non-Intervention Committee since, apart from the possible political effects of such withdrawals, they would result in considerably increasing the cost to those States which continue to remain represented on the Committee.

The present expenditure of the Committee is about £50,000 monthly.

It is, nevertheless, believed that the Committee will soon be dissolved.

Naval control of Spanish ports will, it is stated, cease at the beginning of April. This will mean a practical termination of the Committee's functions and its dissolution would henceforth be a mere formality. — Trans-Ocean.

### FLOWER SHOW CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

The Annual Flower show which opened this afternoon at St. John's Place is assured of great success judging by the quality of the exhibits which represents a striking advance on last year.

There were 146 classes in the show and in most of these there was an exceptionally large number of entries.

The following were the winners of the Challenge Cups.

Pot Plants (Open):—Mrs. F. Groves.

Vegetables (Peak):—Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Vegetable (Open):—Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell.

Pot Plants (Peak):—Mr. F. C. Hall.

Cut Flowers (Open):—Mrs. Eu. Tong-seng.

Cut Flowers (Peak):—Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Lady Peel Challenge Cup:—Mrs. J. S. Boufield.

Lady Southorn Cup:—Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Lady Northcote Challenge Bowl:—Mr. J. T. Bagram.

Banksian Medal:—Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital.

### TRAINING AIR PILOTS

Paris, To-day.

In order to strengthen French aviation, the Government has laid a bill before the Chamber providing that popular aviation as a sport should be organised.

The bill envisages the enrolment

### To Continue Until "Chiang Has Been Eliminated"

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese War Minister, General Itagaki, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, both made statements in the Diet yesterday, voicing determination of the Japanese Government to carry on the war in China until that country is completely re-organised.

These statements, it is believed, serve as denials of rumours that determination to carry on has been weakening.

### EX-KAISER'S SON TO VISIT PARIS

Paris, To-day.

A Prussian Prince will, for the first time since the war, visit Paris in a semi-official capacity at the end of this week.

The ex-Kaiser's fifth son, Prinz August Wilhelm, who occupies a high rank in the National Socialist Party, will deliver a speech next Sunday at the commemoration ceremony in honour of German soldiers who fell in the Great War.

A delegation of German ex-servicemen, led by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, will lay wreaths on the graves of soldiers buried in the "German Heroes' Cemetery" in the Paris suburb of Ivry. — Trans-Ocean.

### POLISH CANAL SCHEME

Warsaw, To-day.

The project of a waterway from the Baltic to the Black Sea via the Vistula-San-Dnjester-Pruth is, at the wish of the Polish Government, to be taken in hand in the near future.

The trip of Colonel Kowalewski to Paris, London and Amsterdam seeks the participation of French, British and Dutch capital in the project.

The Canal would run from Danzig to Ismail and through Poland and Rumania. — Trans-Ocean.

of young men between 16 and 17 years of age in a so-called "preliminary period of aviation" which would imply training in flying between the ages of 17 and 20. Thereafter would follow special training in army aviation during the time of compulsory military service. — Trans-Ocean.

General Itagaki declared that Japanese operations in China, which after the resumed offensives in Honan and Hupeh, west of Hankow and in north Kiangsu, are once again in full swing, will be continued until the Chiang Kai-shek regime is totally eliminated, and it was envisaged that, after victorious conclusion of the war, Japanese garrisons should be maintained in certain places in China until order and quiet has been completely secured.

To counteract Communist influence, a special military zone would be created in Mongolia.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, augmented the statements of the Minister for War by the express statement that the Japanese Government had had nothing to do with Mr. Wang Ching-wei's peace declaration of December last and that, accordingly, all rumours that had arisen in connection with Mr. Wang's proposal that the Japanese should evacuate South and Central China, were without any kind of foundation.

As for possible economic sanctions by third Powers, Mr. Arita declared that Japan would answer with counter-measures.

Moreover, Japan had provided for all emergencies by procuring stocks of war materials.

As for the Japanese-Soviet fisheries conflict, Mr. Arita said negotiations would be carried on until Japan had obtained the rights guaranteed by treaty. — Trans-Ocean.

### NEW GERMAN AIR ATTACHE IN TOKYO

Berlin, To-day.

Wolfgang von Gronau, President of the Aero Club of Germany, has been appointed Air Attache at the German Embassy in Tokyo.

His name became world-famous in 1930 when he crossed the Atlantic from east to west in an hydroplane.

In 1931 he repeated this feat and in 1933 made a flight around the world covering 60,000 kilometres and visiting nearly all civilized countries of the globe. — Trans-Ocean.

### JAPANESE CAMPAIGN IN NORTH CHINA

Peiping, To-day.

The large scale Japanese "mopping-up" campaign in North China continues.

Japanese military quarters declare that the operations have been extended to include Shantung.

The Japanese air force is again very active, bombarding Pingliang in Kansu and Yungchang, the latter being important communication centre between China and Soviet Russia. Observation planes carried out numerous reconnoitring flights over Northwest China. — Trans-Ocean.

### TRANSIT STATION FOR REFUGEES

Paris, To-day.

In the rooms of the former civil prison at Oran, a transit station has been set up to accommodate the increasing number of refugees arriving from Republican Spain states a report from Oran, received yesterday.

The station is only intended for temporary accommodation of the refugees. Those whom the French authorities consider undesirable will like La Pasionaria be transferred from North Africa to concentration camps in South France. — Trans-Ocean.

### DEL VAYO IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The former Republican Spanish Foreign Minister, Alvarez del Vayo, is in Paris.

A photograph in the Paris "Soir" shows del Vayo conversing with a Paris friend. — Trans-Ocean.

### REFUGEE CAMP

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands Government has leased a large area near Ermelo to erect a central refugee camp to accommodate refugees who have entered Holland without proper passports or visas. The camp is being equipped for 2,500 to 3,000 refugees. — Trans-Ocean.

### DUTCH ENVOY TO FRANCO

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch Minister in Rio de Janeiro, Schuller Tot Foursum, will, according to the "Algemeen Handelsblad," be appointed Minister in Burgos.

The paper adds that General Franco has already agreed to this appointment. — Trans-Ocean.

Moscow, To-day.

The Executive Committee of the Comintern will hold a special session on March 15 to discuss the general world-political situation and, particularly, the present situation in Europe. — Trans-Ocean.



# HOW PALESTINE HITS TAXPAYER

**Palestine and Transjordan defence, £1,120,700; grant in aid of expenditure arising out of the disturbances in Palestine, £1,887,000; Palestine conference, £14,400.**

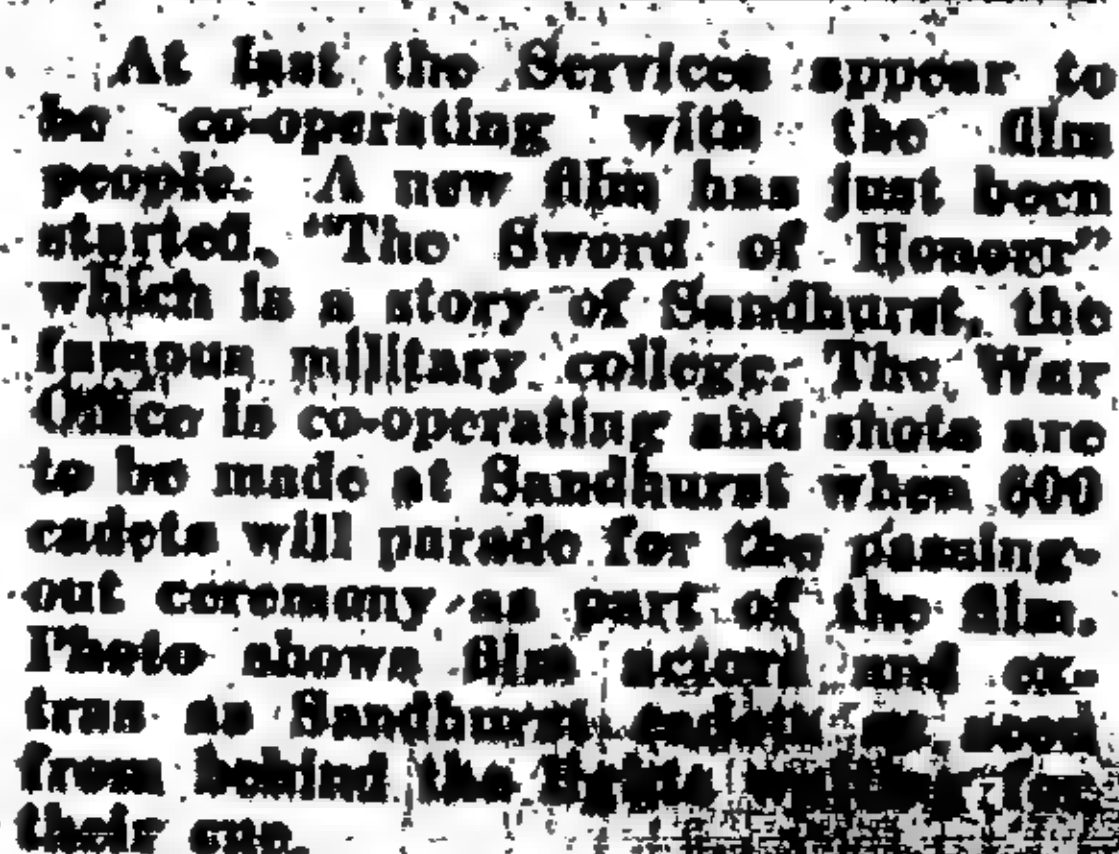
# NOT SO SOFT

There was an element of truth in that story, said Sir Alexander, for there was a type of offender who was very ready to exploit his need of mental treatment.

Defendant at East Ham: It was the first time I had set foot in the Labour Exchange, so I think I can be excused for breaking their window.

One million lives have probably been saved as a result of Sir Ronald Ross's discovery of the relation of mosquitoes to malaria. That estimate was given by Sir Malcolm Watson, director of London's Ross Institute, addressing the Royal Society of Arts.

**This brings Burma into line with other British possessions, almost every colony having a flag of similar design with its national emblem in fly or outer-bottom quarter. Burma until recently was part of India and used India's flag.**



**WINSTON CHURCHILL'S ARTIST NEPHEW.** — Mr. John Churchill, artist nephew of Mr. Winston Churchill, the dynamic opposition Member of Parliament, is starting a permanent exhibition of his works in Ebury Street, London. He specializes in interior and exterior mural decorations. Photo shows Mr. John Churchill finishing an architectural mural decoration representing Toscanini, the work famous conductor, conducting a full symphony orchestra.

## THEIR EARS CUT OFF

Cutting off ears as revenge is Gazette" as follows:—  
 still popular among the Chinese. Sir Frederick Arthur Greer, Baron  
 Since the boycott of Japanese by Fairfield, of Cairns, in the County  
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 stances of "ear-lobbing" have on Richard Phillips, Baron Milford,  
 unred, victims being unpatriotic of landowners, among Sir Mau-  
 Chinese. The latest victim is the Hon. John Lubbock, of  
 Chinese but not for the sake of the country, and Sir Cecil  
 lead to a better understanding of the views of Baron Hansworth.

# £415,479 FROM BISCUITS

Personal estate in Great Britain valued at £415,479 was left by Mr. George William Macfarlane, of Pollokshields, Glasgow, deputy chairman of the biscuit manufacturing firm of Macfarlane, Lang and Co. Estate duty of £130,557 has been paid.

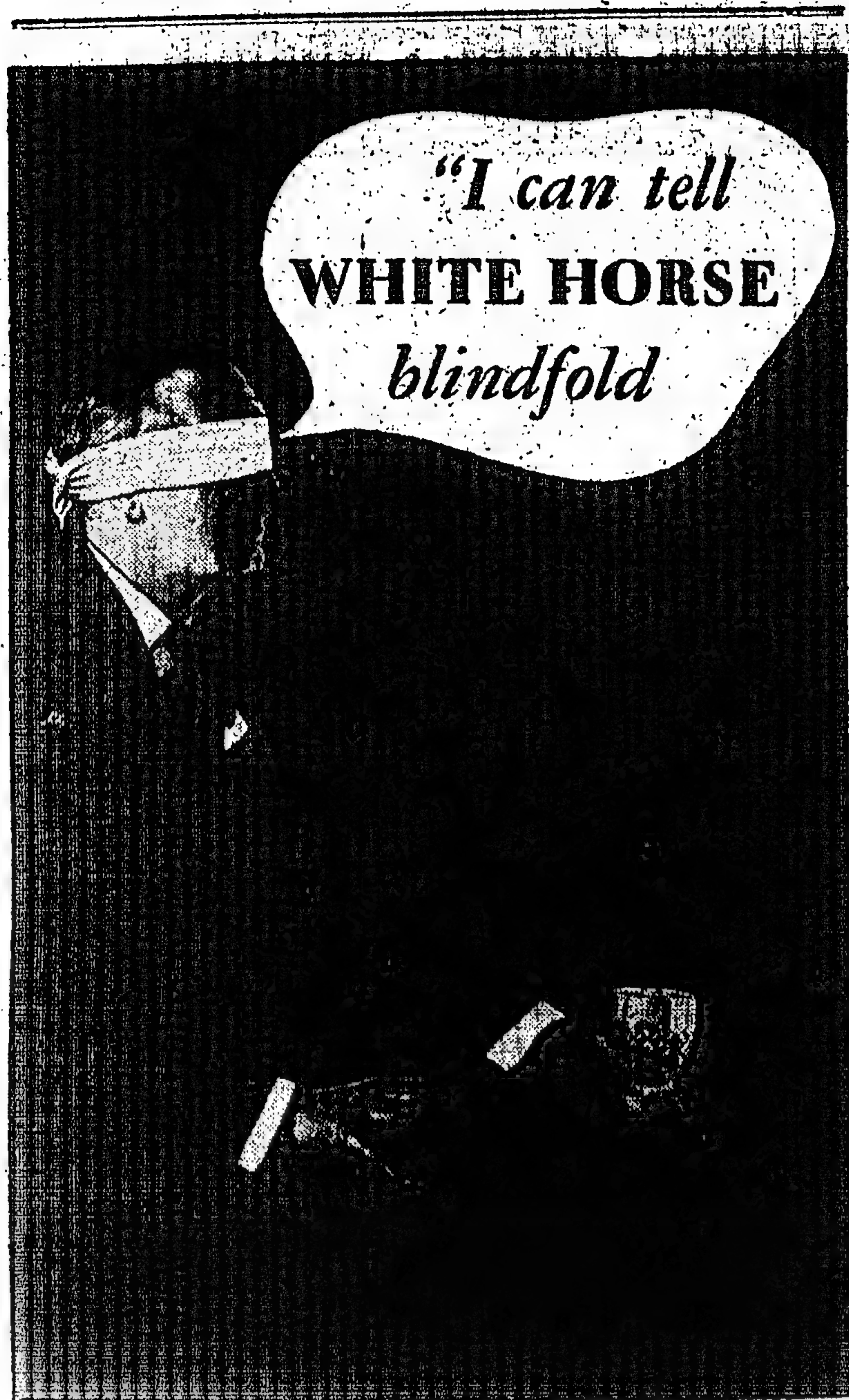
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The Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee, the authority dealing with the question, has been conferring with Sir John Anderson for some time, and a scheme has been drawn up.

The titles of four new Barons created in the New Year Honours were announced in the "London

as follows:—  
Sir Frederick Arthur Greer, Baron  
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Palatine of Chester; Sir Laurence  
Richard Phillips, Baron Milford,  
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The circular foreshadows legislative changes in the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1937, and urges on Councils "the need for carrying through A.R.P. tasks as a matter of first urgency."

A general slowing down in the normal work of local authorities is involved in the request that "responsible officers be assigned specific parts in A.R.P. work; and in view of its urgency, should be given as much authority on matters of detail as is consistent with the general control of the authority."

A further recommendation by the Home Office is that a chief officer of each authority should be made general co-ordinating officer, the existing A.R.P. officer, if any, to become his assistant or staff officer.

Britain could be provided with a "Maginot Line" of bomb-proof shelters, affording safety for all—if the authorities care to act—at a cost of £10 5s. per head of the population.

This fact emerges from the remarkable exhibition staged in the Labour borough of Finsbury—an exhibition which may well start moves to revolutionise the entire A.R.P. situation.

### SWIFT PROTECTION

Already, "the Finsbury Plan"—of boring spiral shelters—is being taken up by neighbouring boroughs. Lambeth, Bethnal Green and Islington are preparing schemes on the Finsbury model. Other boroughs are to follow suit.

While all London seemed to be crowding round the stands in the last few hours of the exhibition, I talked with Alderman Harold Riley, chairman of Finsbury A.R.P. Committee.

"People say ours is a long-term plan," he remarked. "They're wrong. Once we get sanction we can provide more accommodation in shelters, within three months, than there would be in all the trenches we could dig in the borough."

This, as he explained, is made possible by the new type of shelter devised by the firm of architects known as Tecton.

It is a spiral shelter that can extend to any number of storeys—a modernist style building that goes down instead of up.

### CAR PARKS OR STORES?

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being, as it is topsy-turvy, you begin with the roof.

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Then the excavating begins. The spiral may go down any distance or it may stop after the first storey or two are complete.

The shelters, with air-conditioning devices and every possible safeguard, would cost £10 5s. a head of the population.

The Finsbury plan proposes to use two of the shelters as car parks in peace time. Another two, situated at a point where there is a crying need for market storage space, will be used as storehouses.

So exhaustive and scientific an investigation has been made that Finsbury must be the one borough in London that really knows itself.

In the four months of planning, a house-to-house census gave exact figures of the night and day population of the borough.

"We clambered through the sewers to plan them," said Alderman Riley. "We mapped the gas pipes, the electric cables, the water flow."

The investigation, incidentally, proves how little London knows about its underground. "We literally did not know where some of the sewers were," confessed Alderman Riley. "Even now we're not absolutely sure about some of the disused ones."

The Labour Borough Council has

an all-party campaign.

### PLAN FOR

Latest developments in the London Council scheme which will provide 2,500 taxicabs, gade light pumps. The scheme has the Air Raid Committee, and will Council shortly

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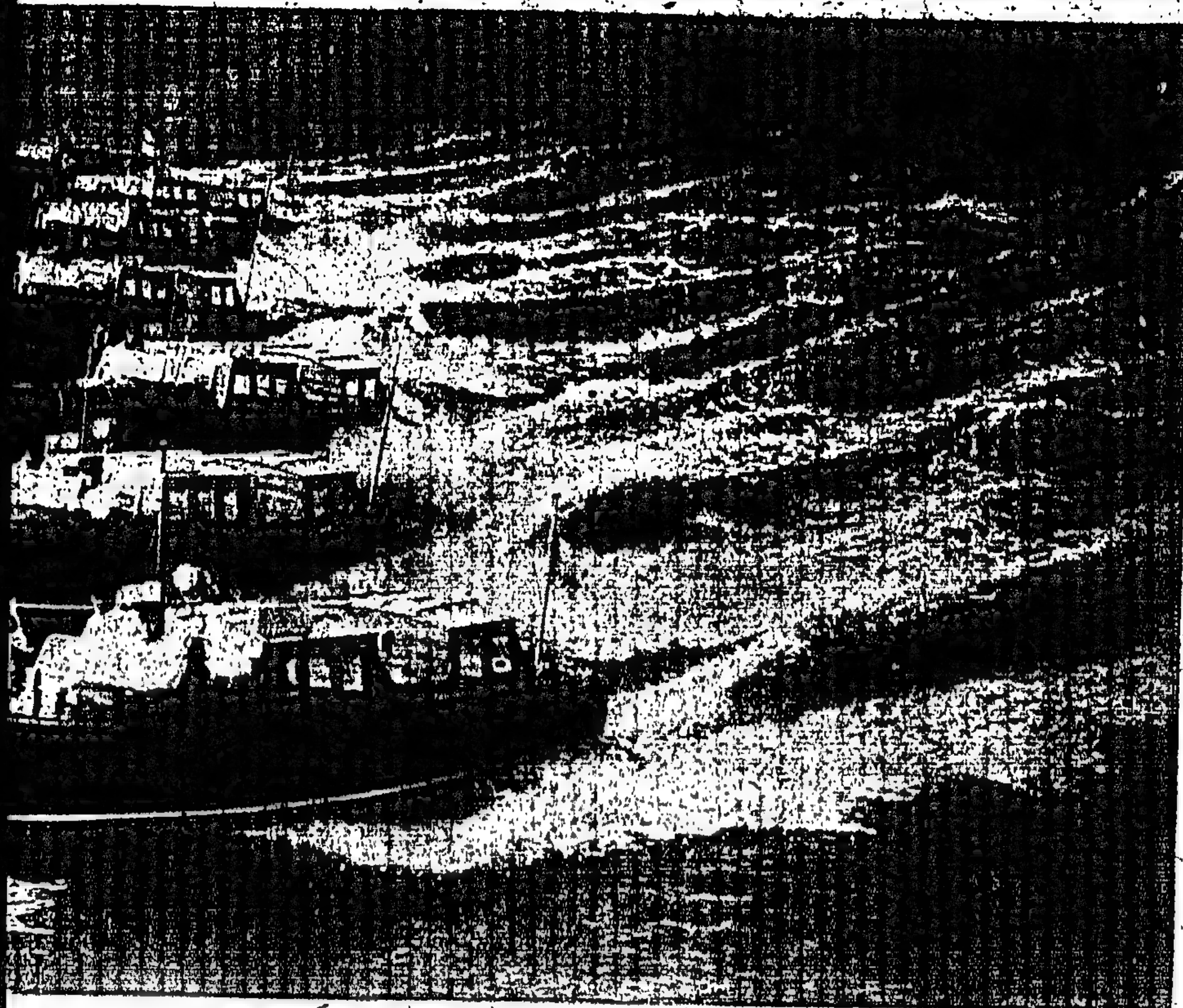
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Six of the latest types of high speed motor launches built by Thornycroft's for the Royal Navy, were demonstrated on the Thames recently. They are carried on cruisers and larger warships for use as fast service tenders. The boats are of 25ft. length, have a speed of some 20 knots, and a feature is their easy handling and acceleration. Similar types are being supplied to Foreign Governments. Photo shows a striking picture of the boats at speed during their trials.

from the "very considerable increase" in the numbers of volunteers to be recruited and various other factors has made the appointment of an assistant superintendent "essential."

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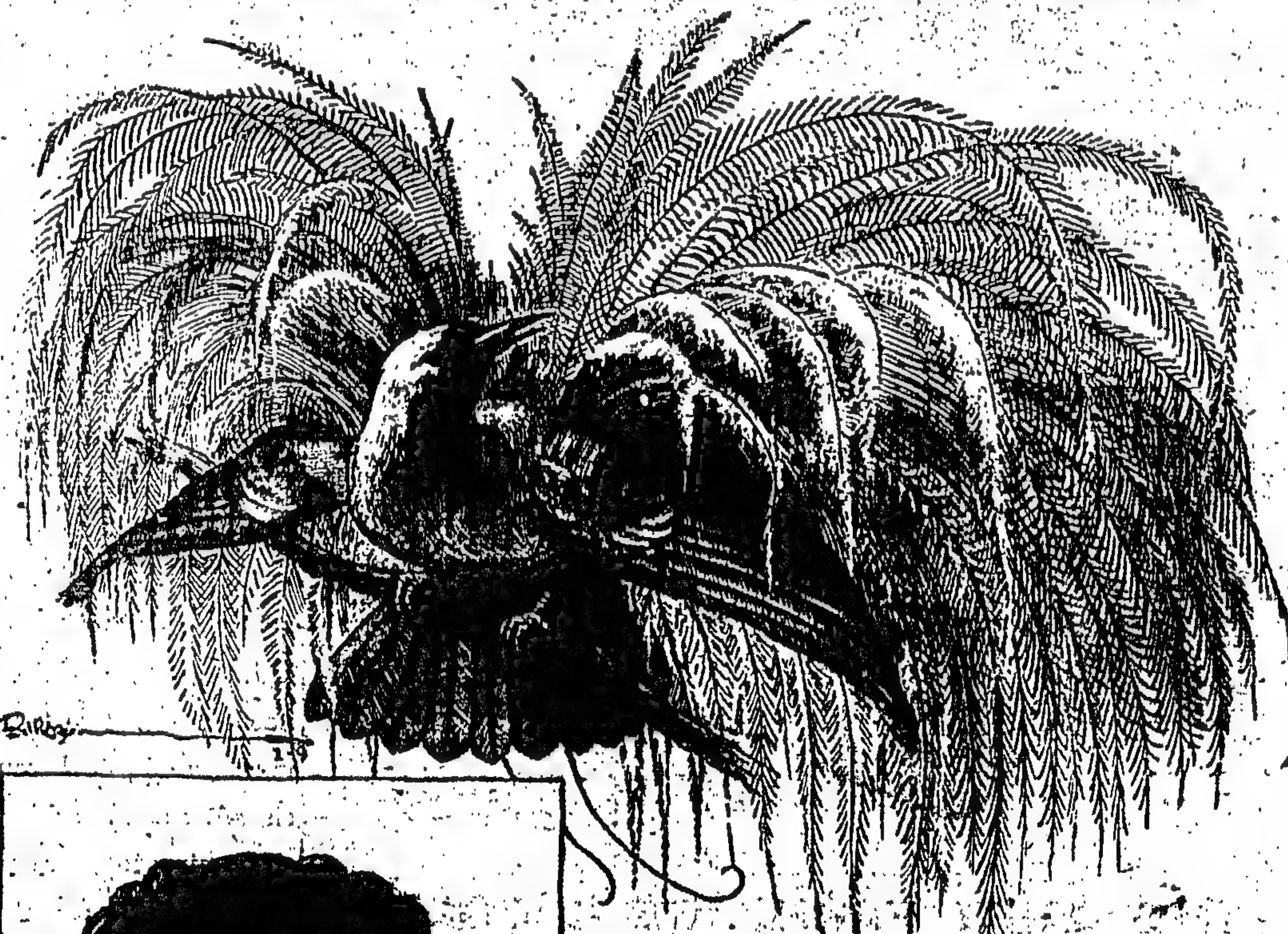
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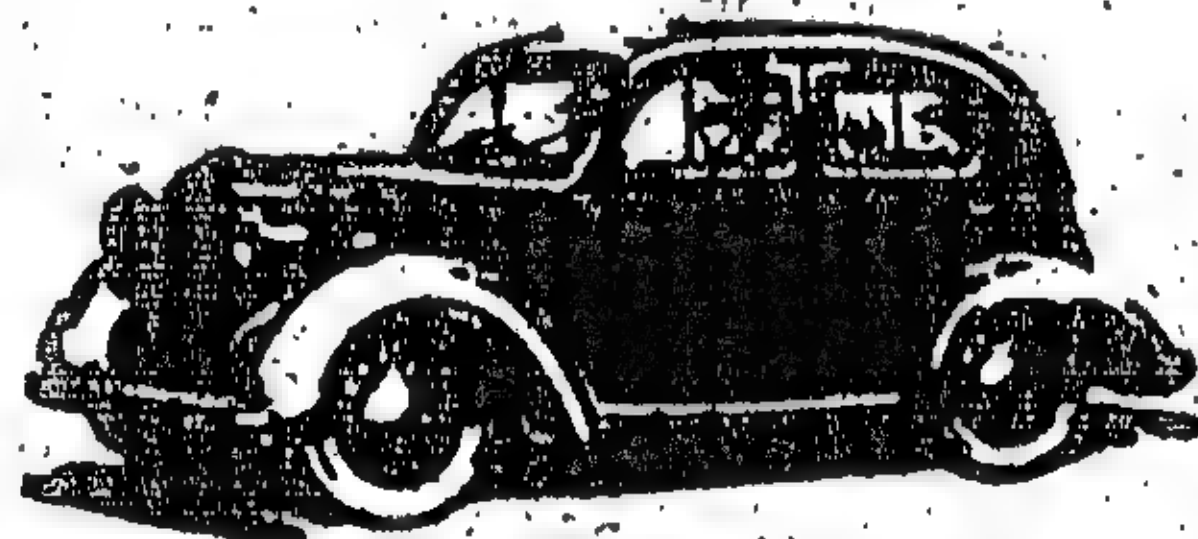
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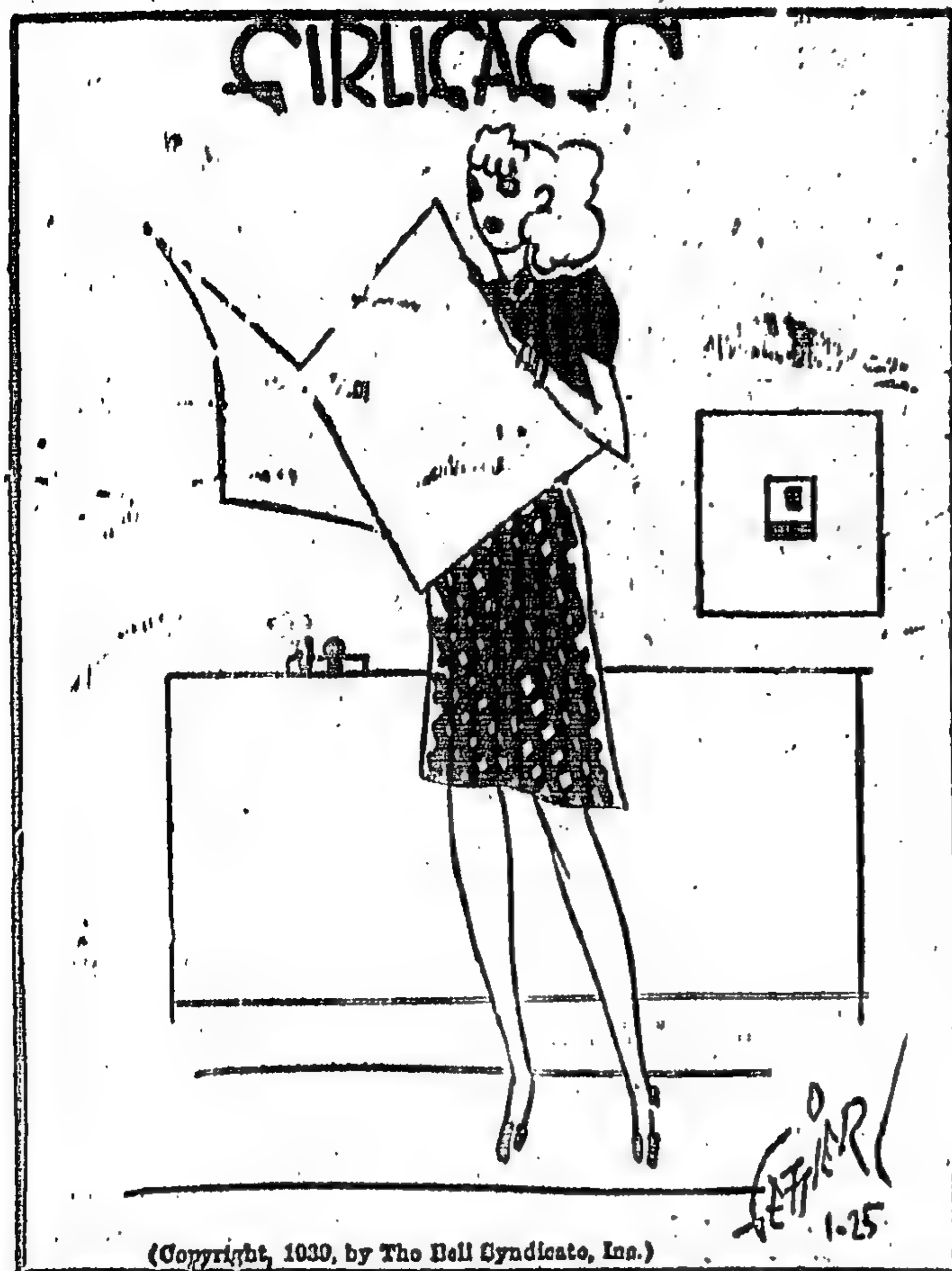
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### Dowager's Hump From Faulty Posture

Drooping shoulders, hollow chest, and flesh forming high on your back, are all due indirectly to lazy control of your midriff muscles. In other words your posture is poor and has been poor for some time!

Contrary to belief, a dowager's hump is not a sign of old age. It is unlovely, yes, and it is usually pronounced when a woman reaches her forties. But actually, a dowager's hump begins to form when you are very young if your posture is not erect.

By allowing your abdomen muscles to become flabby, your bosom falls, your shoulders drop and your chest narrows. Simultaneously your head and chin are thrust forward and the unlovely, aging pad of flesh forms at the base of the neck. That flesh should be distributed proportionately down your back and on your chest.

#### WATCH YOUR POSTURE HABITS

Leaning over desks and typewriters, wearing clothes so heavy that they pull you forward, or too thick collars which do not allow your neck and head to be held erect, should be avoided. Shoes with too extreme heels for easy and correct carriage, sleeping with a very thick pillow, walking in a slouch, or wearing a heavy bob of hair resting on the nape of your neck, all tend to round your shoulders and hollow your chest. You should correct such tendencies and determine to carry yourself "tall" with regal grace at all times.

You must strengthen the weakened muscles between your shoulder blades and try to develop the pectoral muscles at the sides of your chest. These muscles help to firm and hold the breasts in place and permit your abdomen muscles to grow strong enough to make correct posture very natural. Few women have well developed pectoral muscles unless they swim a great deal or play such arm games as tennis or badminton.

Once a dowager's hump has formed it requires patient exercise to banish it, but if you will exercise, that obvious middle-age arch will disappear.



Continued faulty posture robs old and young of symmetrical body beauty. Look at the dowager's hump.

I have prepared a new leaflet of corrective shoulder and chin exercises in collaboration with Miss Maurine Glassgow, physical directress of a famous New York models' school. You may have it if you will write me, care of this paper and enclose a self-addressed, stamped (3-cent) envelop with your request. It is called, "Rules to Banish the Dowager's Hump."

This leaflet is also good for those of you who complain of too much flesh across your shoulders. And if the suggested exercises are done with those given in my bust-building leaflet, almost any posture defect of the upper body may be corrected.

## Witty Kitty



What with the trick new shal-lar-mats to put in the picture on the stage, the old Man with the star with



# How much do you mean by a KISS?

Though you can't remember your very first kiss, your mother will recollect pressing her lips to a tiny, soft, roselike object that was you.

The kiss of a mother for her newborn babe is the most beautiful expression of love in the world.

After the pain has come sweetness. It is there in her arms—it's wonderful little downy head peeping out from soft wrappings.

And then there's the other kind of kiss.

The timid, proud kiss of a father when he first sees his child.

Not so exquisitely tender as the mother's kiss, but no less fond. The father is a little afraid of this small living miracle which he helped to create.

\* \* \*

There are so many kinds of kisses. Have you ever stopped to think about them?

Do you remember being seriously ill? Or perhaps someone you loved dearly was in danger of dying?

Suddenly recovery set in. You kissed each other.

Wasn't it marvellous to feel new life, new hope, new faith?

That kiss had tears of gladness in its giving and in its taking.

\* \* \*

When you were a small boy or girl—perhaps you were separated from your loved ones at home for the first time. Do you remember kissing mummy and daddy just as the train steamed off?

You felt so small and afraid, but you wouldn't show it. Mummy had tears in her eyes. Daddy was frightfully jovial.

That was the kiss of your first independence.

\* \* \*

The kiss, shy and rapid, that you exchanged one spring evening under the blossoming apple trees with the boy next door was the kiss that betokened the passing of your mutual childhoods.

And then you fell in love.

Do you remember the wonderful moment when you and the one you loved kissed each other for the first time?

\* \* \*

Then there were other kisses. Too many, perhaps.

You fell out of love, and for a time you may have kissed many people. Light, stupid kisses, which meant nothing to you or the other person.

You were seeking, perhaps unconsciously, to find love again.



Virginia Bruce wears a striking street, a feature of which is the broad medium waistband.

You may have been present at the passing of a greatly loved soul.

Quiet and dry-eyed, or perhaps sobbing, you realised the beauty of death for the first time.

You loathed the very thought, but you had to be nice and polite, so you gave a rapid peck at the horrid face and ran away.

Then have you known, too, the kiss that meant the end of a quarrel?

It may have been a tiff that seemed silly and stupid.

Or perhaps it was one of those real quarrels when bitterness blinds the way to all reconciliation.

You were hesitant about the kiss that healed it all.

You were shy about the giving of it because it meant, perhaps, the throwing overboard of what you thought were "principles," and because foolish pride was making you hard and ungenerous.

But suddenly you were in his arms, and all mean thoughts were forgotten.

A kiss like that has been the most important thing in many married couple's lives.

Each kiss you give or receive means something different.

Kisses are a beautiful way of expressing every emotion or affection.

Isn't it wrong to make them cheap and empty?

Reverently you touched the dear one with your lips. You were not afraid, only tremendously awed.

You could not realise that you would never hear that person laugh again.

\* \* \*

The day you became engaged. The kiss you exchanged was full of happiness at the thought that you would always be together.

Then, married, you both shared a secret that in a few months would come true.

You kissed each other so tenderly the moment you knew your dearest wishes would be realised.

\* \* \*

And then you grew older, and your children left you to go away to school, to work, to be married.

Each time you kissed them fondly. You smiled at them, though there was heartbreak in your kiss.

It seemed you had had them such a very short time to yourselves, and now they had left you.

\* \* \*

But your early joy was reborn when, in the course of time, a little grandchild was placed in your arms for the first time and you kissed its tiny cheek.

And there were the kisses of farewell. At stations, at home.

As the last moment came you kissed the departing one with lingering lips. You couldn't bear to be parted, but it was inevitable.

\* \* \*

There were the silly, jolly kisses you gave or received under the mistletoe at Christmas time.



Margaret Lindsay, the Columbia star, favours the semi-halo crown for her new 'skull-cap' millinery.

No one meant anything more than that they liked each other and were having a happy time.

There was the light, spontaneous kiss you dropped on the little furry head of a kitten or puppy.

The awful duty kiss your parents bade you give a strange, bewhiskered man, or a starch-looking woman when you were small.

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Do see, though, that it is raised a few inches from the draughty floor, otherwise your child will soon get cold, and then he'll become discontented.

Little fingers were made to be used—in baby's estimation! It is surprising how active small hands become round about the crawling age.

Everything he touches will find its way to his mouth, so remember to keep dangerous things out of reach.

But don't have to keep constantly saying "No."

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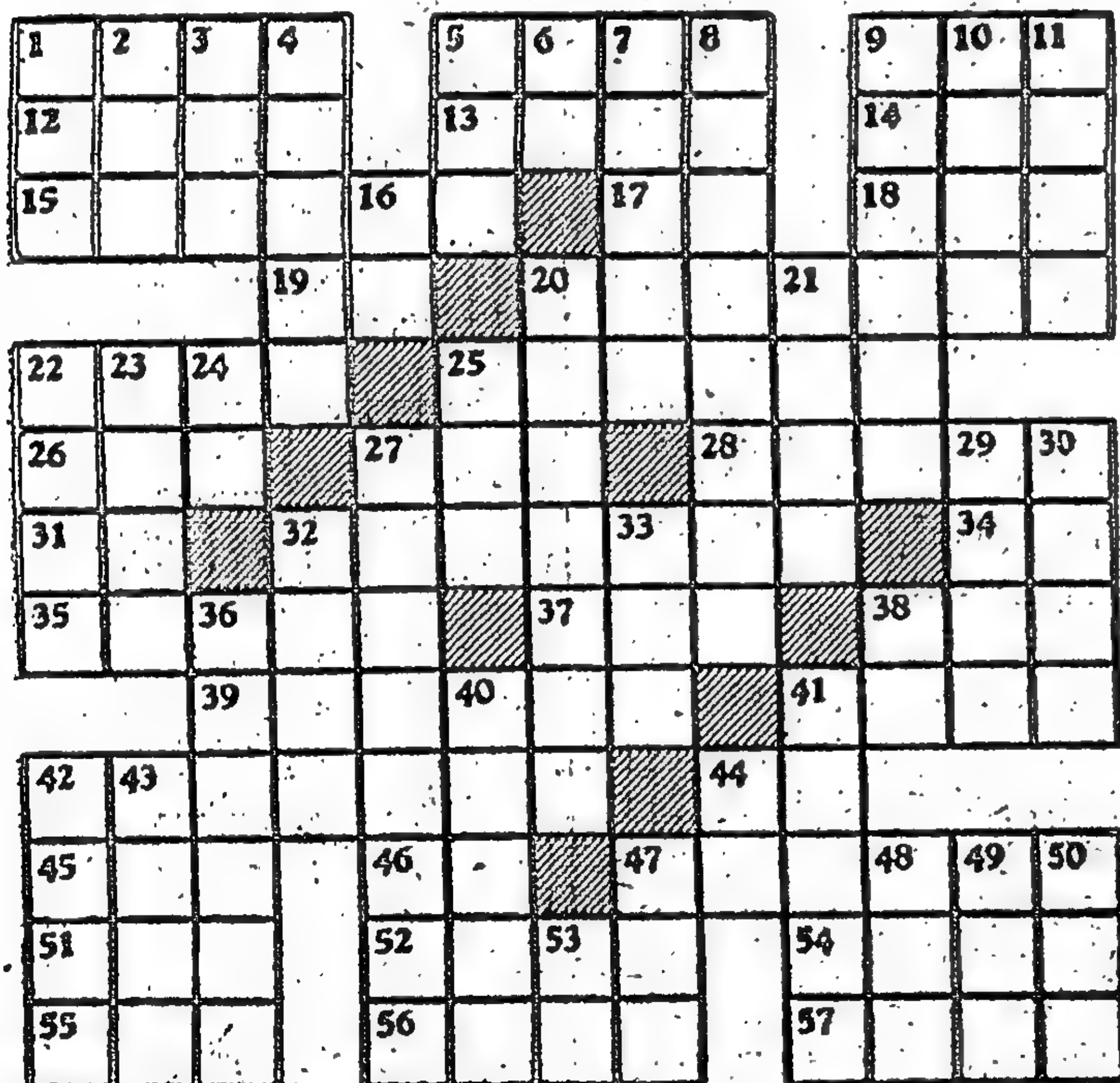
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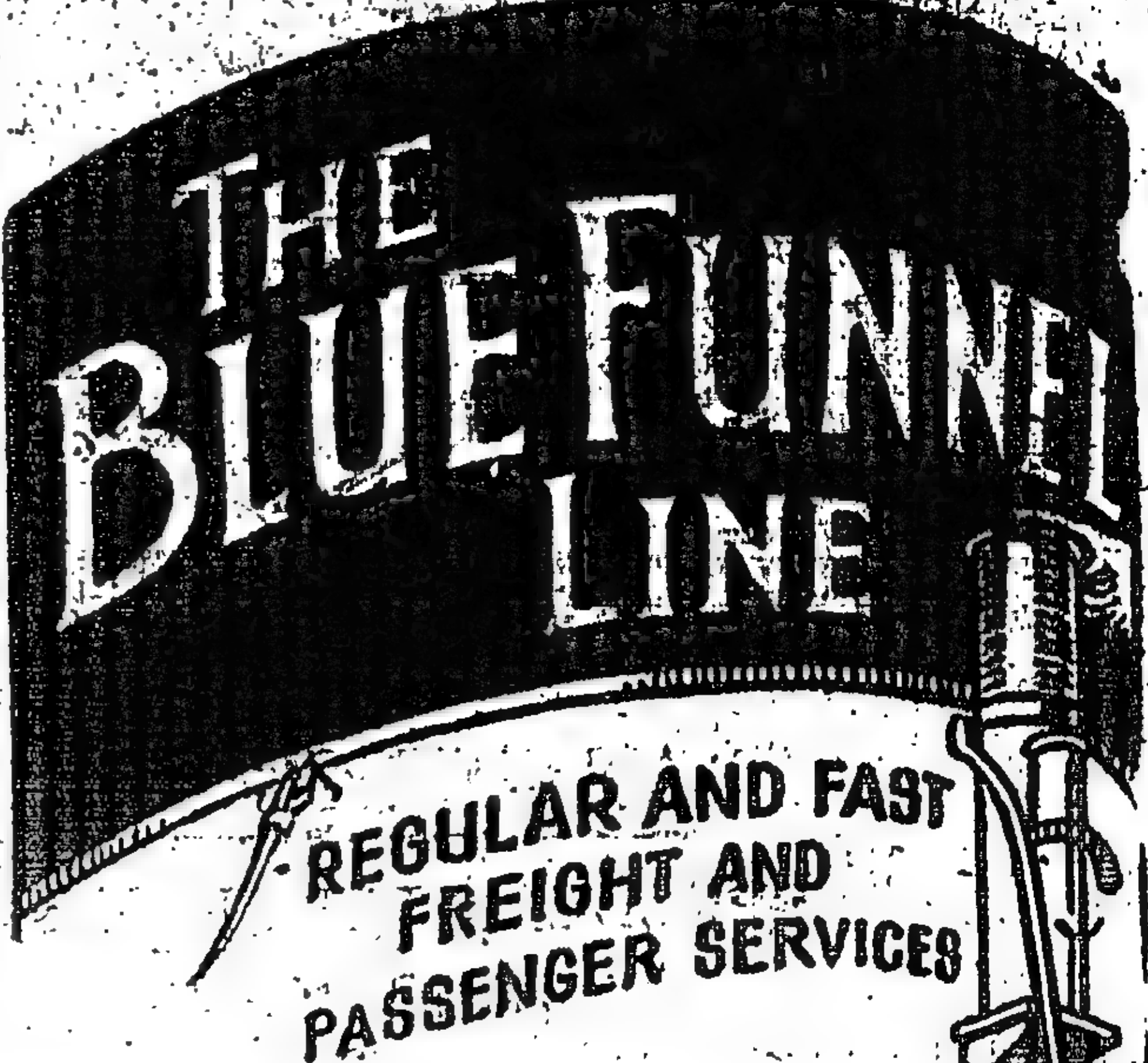
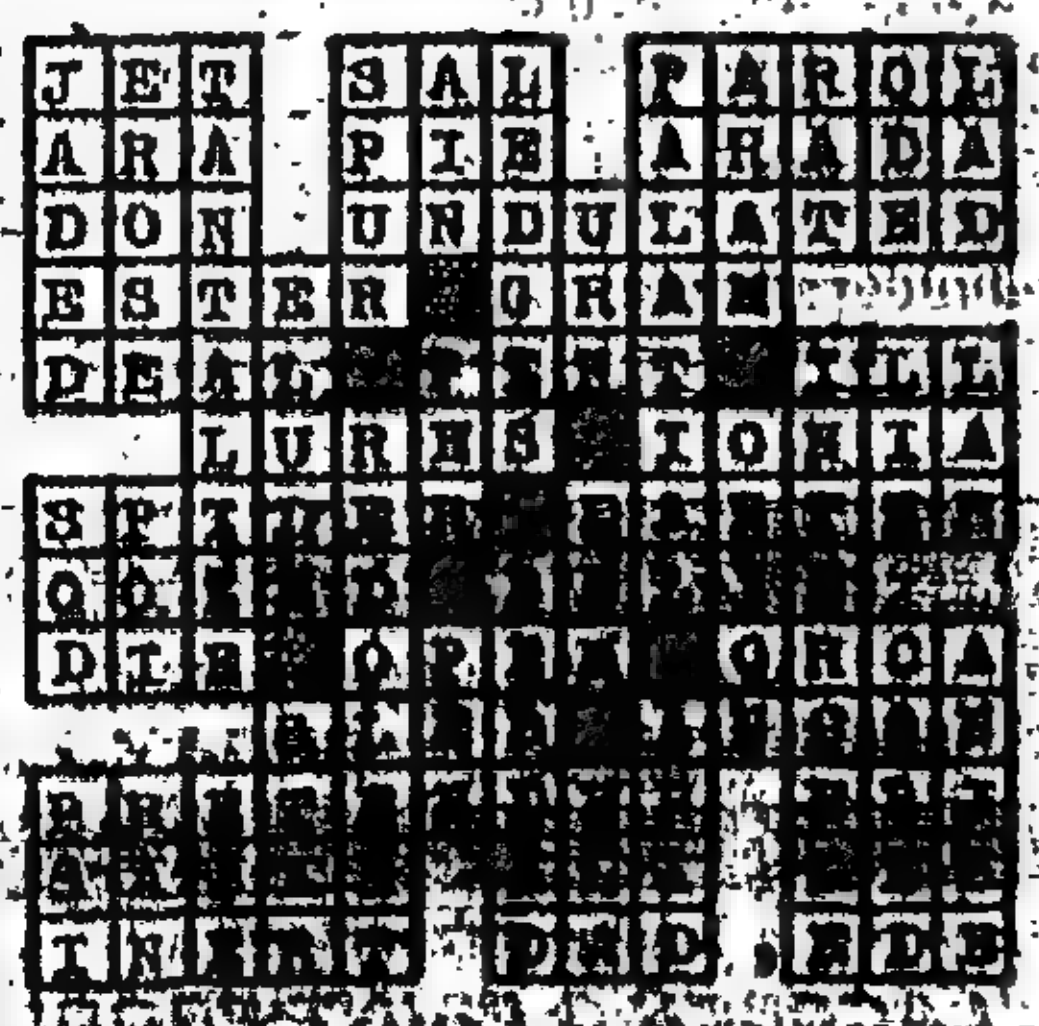
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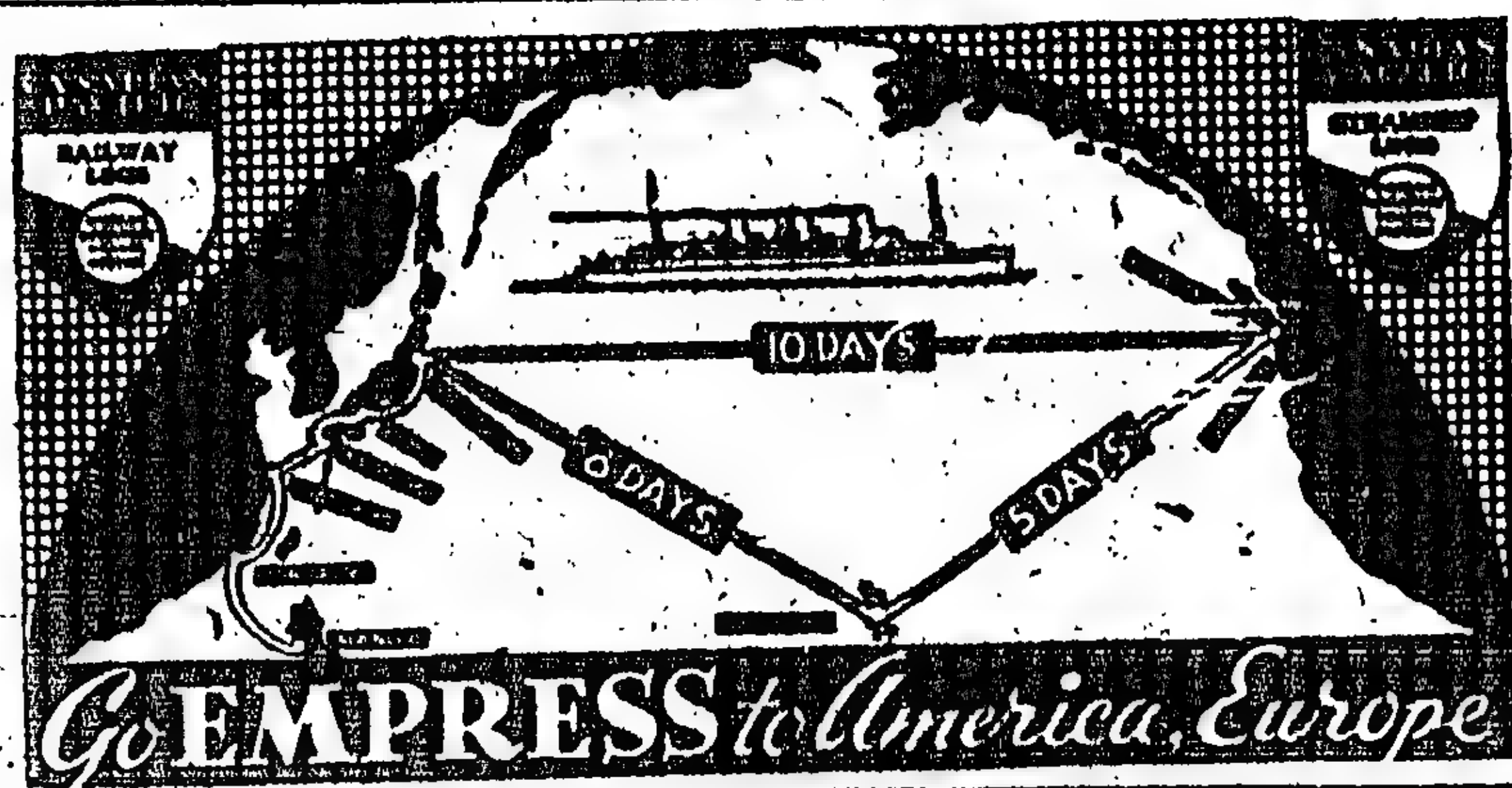
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## H.K. ELECTRIC INCREASE IN POWER OUTPUT

Increased output with considerably higher profit on working was reported by the chairman, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Company held this morning.

The chairman said:

The net profit after providing for depreciation is \$2,142,141.02 and with \$266,992.26 brought forward from the last account, we have the sum of \$2,409,133.28 for appropriation.

On September 8th 1938 we paid an interim dividend of \$1 per share, which absorbed \$600,000 and with the balance we propose:—

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share absorbing \$900,000; To pay a cash bonus of \$0.75 per share absorbing \$450,000; To write off investments \$147,276.21; To pay a jubilee bonus to Staff and workmen \$43,976.22; To carry forward to next account \$267,880.85 which I hope will meet with your approval.

The proposed dividend and bonus are 25 cents better than last year, and although we have not added to the reserve I feel sure you will approve the proposal to write off the fall in the value of our investments, which has now been shown in the balance sheet for five years. Our investments are all in good local dividend paying stocks and we have received in dividends considerably more than the losses we now propose to write off.

## HIGH OUTPUT

The output from the Generating Station during 1938 was 64,510,226 units, an increase of over 5 million units, or 8.88% over 1937, and you will notice that the profit on working is \$259,624.10 more than last year.

This satisfactory result has been obtained without any increase in our standard rates for current and in spite of an increase in the cost price of coal of 45% and of considerable expenses caused by a serious breakdown on No. 7 Turbine last April.

Gross Bad Debts at \$728.91 are the lowest on record.

The loss on realization of investments was on the sale of "Star" Ferry shares.

Full depreciation has been allowed for at \$724,377, an increase of \$43,479.

The expenditure on Capital Account this year has been \$1,546,388, three quarters of which was at the Generating Station.

The 15,000 kilowatt Turbo-Alternator was completed and the set put into operation in August, and I am glad to be able to tell you that it is giving very satisfactory results.

By the end of the year good progress had been made with the erection of the new 100,000 lbs. per hour. Stirling boiler which has since been put in commission.

## JUBILEE YEAR

Meters connected increased by 3,432 to 46,510. Part of this increase is doubtless due to the abnormal times through which we are passing; I anticipate however a falling off in the number of meters connected when normal times return.

No doubt you will have noticed that this is our 50th annual general meeting; the 50 years of the Company's existence has been a period of extraordinary progress in all branches in Science and Engineering and many changes have taken place in the machinery and plant which this Company has used, to provide Hong Kong with its electricity supply; from a small beginning this Company has grown from strength to strength, and I think we may justly say that we now give as cheap and reliable a supply as any other supply company of our capacity; and at the same time are able to provide shareholders with a reasonable return on their investments; I doubt if any of the original shareholders remain in the list of shareholders but I am

happy to tell you that Mr. W. H. Wickham who was Chief Engineer and Manager from 1888 to 1910 and the Company's London Representative from 1910 until 1930 and so ably guided the Company through its early troubles is still enjoying a well earned retirement in England. We realise that the success of the Company is due in no small measure to the loyal efforts of our Agents, Staff and Workmen. It is usual for the Chairman, on your and the Directors behalf, to thank the Manager and his Staff for their loyal services during the year, but this year, in addition to our thanks I feel sure you will approve the bonus which your Directors propose should be granted to the Staff in recognition of this special occasion.

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, seconded the proposal, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and Mr. T. E. Pearce were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. B. Wong Tape, seconded by Mr. J. Gardner, while Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. A. McKellar, seconded by Mr. Leung Fat-tin.

The following attended: Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, chairman, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau (directors), Capt. F. L. Brown (acting manager) and the following shareholders:—Ko. Koon-fan, E. E. Osmund, Lo Kai-wing, B. Wong Tape, J. Gardner, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, A. McKellar, Wong Chi-po, Leung Shi-lou, Leung Fat-tin, Chua Seng-choo, H. Gittins, Lo Yuk-tong.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-9/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

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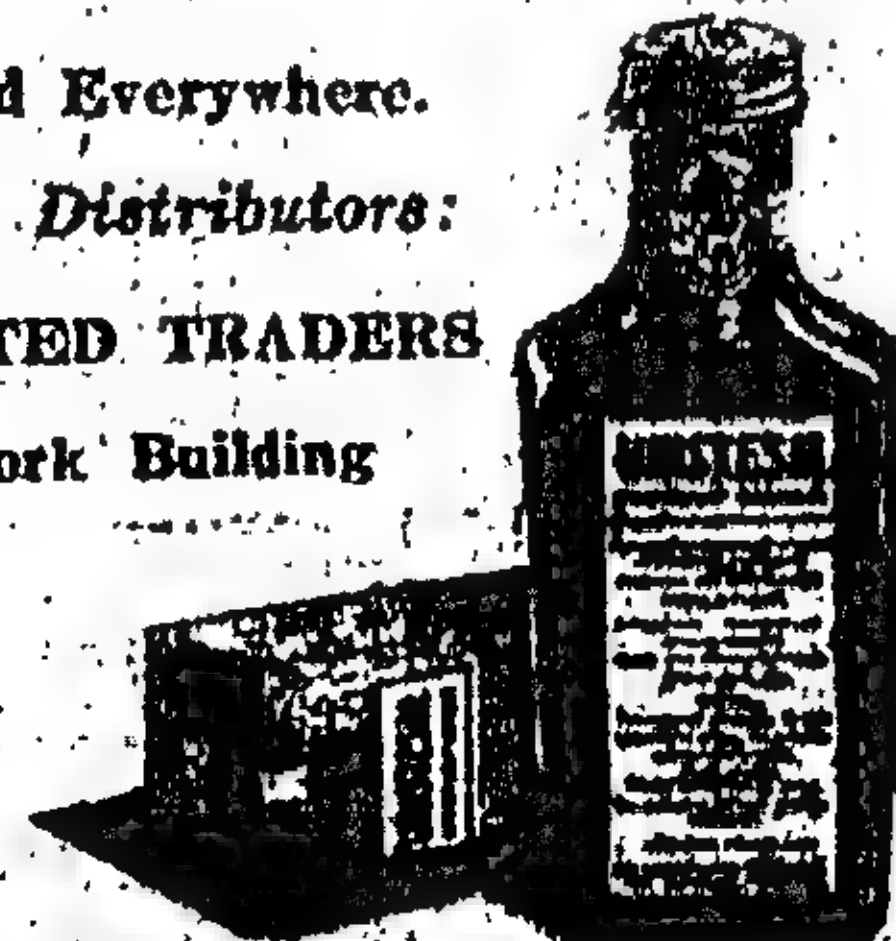
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SPYING CHARGE  
IN ALSACEAutonomist Leader's  
Rhine Trips

EXTREME RETICENCE IS SHOWN BY THE FRENCH POLICE CONCERNING DR. KARL ROOS, THE AUTONOMIST LEADER, WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND HELD AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT NANCY. IT IS LEARNED, HOWEVER, THAT DR. ROOS WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE.

The hearing will probably be held in camera in view of the State secrets involved.

There is reason to believe that the police have interrogated Dr. Roos as to certain visits paid to Kehl, on the German side of the Rhine, during the September crisis.

At this time important meetings of the Strasbourg Municipal Council were being held. Dr. Roos is a member of this body.

## SECRET DOCUMENTS

Secret documents regarding the evacuation of the frontier population were communicated to the Strasbourg Council, and Dr. Roos asked a number of questions at the sittings of the authority.

The German authorities, it is suggested, were particularly interested in these arrangements, and welcomed any information which could be obtained. In these circumstances a close watch was kept by the French police authorities on persons suspected of pro-German sympathies.

Some time ago two young Alsatiens, one of whom was a soldier, were arrested on suspicion of having had dealings with the German secret police at Kehl.

The soldier denounced as an accomplice an autonomist named Marco, who, in turn, denounced Dr. Roos. The latter was questioned for three days before being arrested.

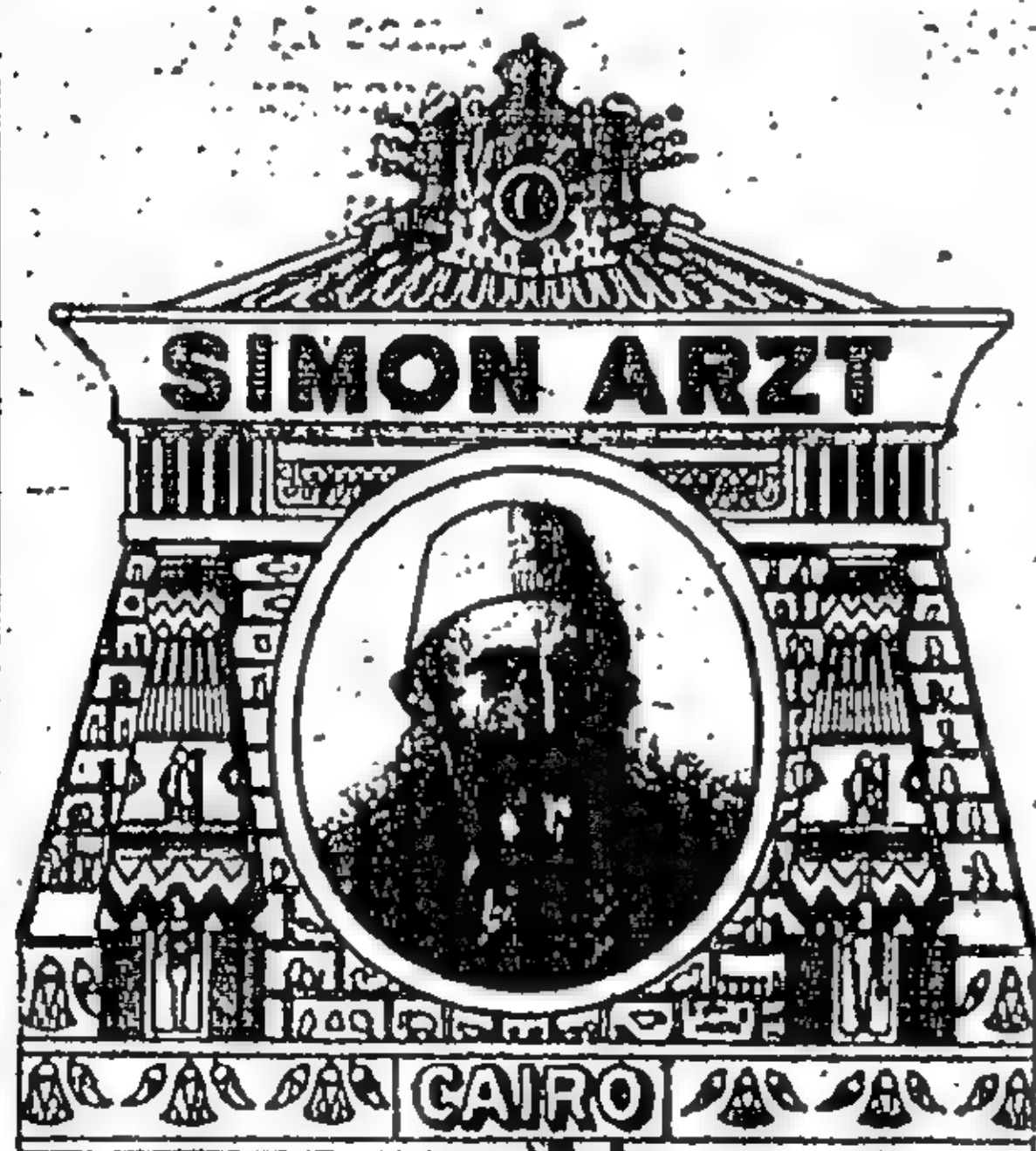
## PROTEGE ARRESTED

It is believed that a man called Schmidt, a minor municipal employee, who was given a post by Dr.

Roos, has been arrested also. The chief editor of the "Elsass-Lothringer Zeitung," M. Schall, was interrogated, but not detained. This autonomist organ writes.

"We know no more than others, and can only say that Roos was called to the police headquarters concerning an affair which it is forbidden to mention, and that he has not been liberated since. He is certainly not the kind of man to offend against any law for the protection of the State."

The arrest of Dr. Roos, and the possibility that the affair may have further ramifications, has aroused considerable excitement in Alsace. There is no popular sympathy for autonomist aims, which are held to verge on disloyalty to France.

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# EXCITING 7-A-SIDE RUGBY

## Birmingham And Club Eliminated

### TAIKOO UNFORTUNATE TO BE BEATEN

(By "REFEREE")

A much bigger gathering than usual witnessed the remaining encounters in the First Round of the Blarney Stone Rugby Seven-A-Side Tournament, which were held yesterday on the Club ground, providing two upsets in the defeat of H.M.S. Birmingham at the hands of Police "A" and the eliminating of Rest of the Club, their only side, at the hands of the powerful Small Ships "A" seven.

The clash between Middlesex "A" and Taikoo saw the first extra period played and the "Die-Hards" emerged winners by an extra try in almost the first minute.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be held on Saturday afternoon, on the Club ground, commencing at 3 p.m. when the following matches will be held:

P. and O. Bldg. v. Hong Kong Bank.  
5th A.A. Regt. "A" v. Small Ships "A".  
R.A.O.C. v. R. Engineers.  
Middlesex "A" v. Police "A".  
Detailed accounts of yesterday's four matches are as follows:

#### Taylor's Winning Try

Police "A", one of the strongest teams on view yesterday, unexpectedly beat H. M. S. Birmingham, who were without the services of Mid. Cleeve, a hard running-back, by a penalty goal and a try (6 points) to a try (3 points) after sharing six points at the interval.

Police were good value for their win, although Birmingham backs saw more of the ball, but could make little headway against determined tackling, although their first score must have been the result of a pre-arranged move for Manners gathered the ball, made for the right corner and then cross-kicked and Lewis, who was unmarked on the left, had no difficulty in opening the score.

Police retaliated strongly and shortly before the interval were awarded a penalty five yards from the halfway mark in the centre of the field. Taylor kicked a great goal to level the scores.

In the second half Taylor gained possession to hand off Manners and scored between the posts, but failed to convert.

H.M.S. Birmingham: Lt. Lewis; Lt. Manners and Mid. Collins; Lt. Dickey; Mne. Nicol, Sto. Rodgers and Lt. Fanshawe.

Police "A": D. H. Taylor; G. S. Wilson and B. C. Fay; E. W. Luscombe; H. W. E. Heath, L. H. Oakley and L. A. Searle.

#### Sappers' Good Win

Although minus Sgt. Land, Spr. Lewis, Spr. Waite and Spr. Brinkley, who helped them win the Army Seven-A-Side Tournament last week, Royal Engineers proved too good for only six players from Small Ships "B" who were trounced by two goals and two tries (16 points) to a try (3 points) after leading at the interval by 8-clear points.

Pike was outstanding for the Sappers, having a quick eye for an opening and running very hard, while he received splendid support from Apperley and Eouzan, two of his forwards.

Small Ships were severely handicapped by the non-appearance of E. R. A. Cutting and as a result were forced to play six men throughout — a heart-breaking task.

Pike and Hughes scored tries for Sappers in the first half, Pike converting the second, while in the second period, Eouzan and Jones added further tries, the latter converting his own.

Foster, who was the pick of the losers' team, scored their only points with an unconverted try.

R.E.: Spr. Moxham; Spr. Hughes and Spr. Pike; Spr. Jones; Spr. Apperley, Cpl. Eouzan and Sgt. Blackman.  
Small Ships "B": A.B. Longmuir; O.D. Wager and E.R.A. Featherstone; A.B. Langley; Wtr. Ferris and Mr. Foster.

#### Clarke's Good Game

Probably the best game of the afternoon was the clash between Small Ship "A", probably the most powerful side in the tournament, and Rest of the Club, who were eliminated by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

Club's backs lacked sufficient speed to carry them past Ashton, whose superb defence and splendid running helped materially towards the Ships' victory.

Burford, Richardson and Salter were no match for Anderson, Brown and Bowerman, who possessed much more stamina and who were practically fresh after the match!

McGrath's efforts to break through on his own in the centre met with grim tackling by Ashton and Bucknell, while Clarke, Small Ships' scrum-half, also played a big part in his side's victory with smart work at the base of the scrum.

After Polkinghorne had failed to score following a good opening, Clarke went over for a try which Ashton improved upon, and Small Ships led at the interval by 5 clear points.

In the second half further unconverted tries were added by Polkinghorne, Brown and Anderson, splendid backing up featuring each score.

Small Ships "A": Tel. Polkinghorne; Pay. Lt. Bucknell and Sub. Lt. Ashton; Lt. Cdr. Clarke; Lt. I. M. Anderson, Lt. (E) Brown and A.B. Bowerman.

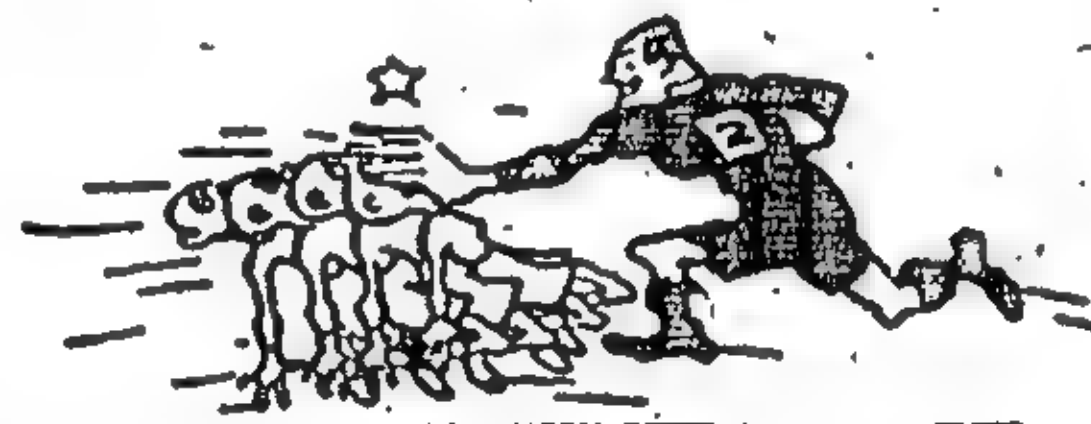
Rest of Club: M. W. McGrath; H. Van Leeuwen and E. W. Stout; J. C. Powell; J. F. Burford, K. W. Salter and W. B. Richardson.

#### Taikoo Unfortunate

Taikoo were unfortunate to be eliminated by Middlesex "A" in the last encounter of the evening, for



A House of Commons golf team played Ranelagh at the Ranelagh course on February 25, and many notable personalities were seen there. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Frank Bowater was one of the Ranelagh team players and was drawn against the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon. Photo shows—Sir John Simon (left) with the Lord Mayor, Sir Frank Bowater, walking out for their match. (Copyright, Fox).



Ferguson definitely knocked-on before continuing on to score the equalising try. Middlesex won by two tries (6 points) to a try (3 points) after being in arrears at the interval, and securing their final points during extra time.

Chadwick, Club first fifteen wing-threequarter, was seen as a full-back, but came up in the early minutes of the game to score Taikoo's only points. His defence in the second half of the game was grand, but with Hutchison and Carr run practically to a stand-still, Taikoo's spearhead of attack lost much of its sharpness.

Ferguson and Ramsay scored both tries for Middlesex and it was undoubtedly due to the latter's freshness at the commencement of extra time which turned the tables on Taikoo.

Middlesex "A": Cpl. Freshwater; Pte. Ferguson and Lt. Man; P.S.M. Ramsay; Lt. Hewitt, Pte. Courtney and L/Cpl. Gillam.

Taikoo: G. K. Chadwick; T. Carr and J. Hutchison; R. Rutherford; A. Gratton; J. Colls and N. L. White.

## H. K. Soccer Side For Manila

### FIFTEEN PLAYERS INVITED

At the meeting of the Management committee of the Hong Kong Association last night, it was decided that arrangements for the visit to Manila be started immediately.

The team will leave by the President Cleveland on April 28 and return by the s.s. Tjisidane on May 10.

It was agreed that Manila be informed that the duration of the games be no less than 70 minutes and no more than 90 minutes and that the first game must be the official Interport Match.

The following fifteen players were invited to make the trip and replies accepting or declining the invitation must be sent to the Hon. Secretary within a week.

Tam Kwan-kong (South China)  
Leung Wing-chiu (South China)  
Lee Ting-sang (South China)  
Lai Shui-wing (South China)  
Lee Wai-tong (South China)  
Fung King-cheong (South China)  
Sheehan (Middlesex)  
Freshwater (Middlesex)  
Courtney (Middlesex)  
Ridley (Royal Navy)  
Hunt (Royal Navy)  
Hau Yung-sang (Kwong-wah)  
A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's)  
Emerson (Ordnance)  
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### FEATHERSTONE'S RUGBY LEAGUE WIN

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## FOOTBALL STRIKE ACTION IF OTHER METHODS FAIL

ENGLISH PLAYERS' DECISION AT "SECRET" LONDON MEETING

### LIST OF DEMANDS

(By AIR MAIL)

**T**HREAT of strike action if other methods fail to give them better conditions was made by English League footballers, including internationalists, at a "secret" meeting of the Players' Union in London on February 28. Demands made by the meeting which will go forward to an extraordinary meeting of delegates included:—

A raising of the maximum wage to £9 per week. A minimum of £4 per week throughout the year. More compensation for injured players. The doubling of bonuses in cup-ties, and talent money payable to clubs finishing at the head of their divisions. Representation on the Football League Jubilee Fund.

"Players fill the enclosures—they should get some of the profits of the game." This was the theme of the meeting which had been called at the request of players connected with South of England clubs in the English League.

#### THREATEN STRIKE

"Unless we stand together and threaten strike action," one player told the meeting, "you will get nowhere. That's the only way to get things done."

The meeting was told that the representation of the Union was sufficient to demand what was their due.

Earlier in the day, at a meeting of the committee, of which "Sammy" Crooks, the Derby County and England internationalist, is chairman, it was stated that the Union represented players in 81 out of the 88 clubs in the Football League. The membership was put at nearly 2,000.

#### INACTION BY RULING BODIES

The complaint of the meeting was the inaction of the ruling bodies of the game on such matters as wages, benefits, compensation, transfer fees, and the allocation of the Jubilee Fund. There had been correspondence on the subjects, but that was as far as things had gone.

The question of a minimum wage increase brought forth the information that the Football Association rules give £208 per year as the minimum, whereas the Football League rule on the subject stipulates "a reasonable" wage. Many clubs, it was said, were not paying the minimum stated by the English F.A.

#### ANOTHER SORE POINT

Compensation in respect of disability caused by injury was another sore point. The meeting, in passing a resolution asking for higher compensation, embodied the request that the authorities sanc-

tion a scheme for the insurance of every footballer for £1,000. The players were prepared to play a special match to raise funds for this purpose.

The case of "Willie" Evans, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Welsh international outside left, was cited. Evans, in his prime, was injured and had to drop out of the game. Because he was outside the Workmen's Compensation Act he received only £200. He could have looked forward to eight more years in the game at least, and earning several thousands of pounds. Evans was present at the meeting.

#### JUBILEE FUND "A FARCE"

"The Jubilee Fund is a farce," was one comment made. The meeting could not see how, if it was the intention to create a Trust, sufficient money would be forthcoming annually to deal adequately with all the schemes for the welfare of players and past players that had been mooted. A definite allocation for immediate pressing needs was suggested, and a resolution asking for representation on the administrative side of the Fund was passed unanimously.

The questions of shares from transfer fees and regularised benefits were discussed but not pursued.

#### DEFINITE DEMANDS!

The meeting was definite in its demand for a 100 per cent. increase in talent money for matches in the English F. A. Cup competition, and for players in clubs finishing at the head of the various Divisions of the League. It was pointed out that before the scheme adopted last year at the annual meeting of the League, players in some cases received more in "legal" presents than they have under the present allowances.

The Players' Union last threatened strike action in 1909 on the

## Three Runs Short Of 100 In Each Innings

### SOUTH AFRICA 400 RUNS AHEAD OF ENGLAND IN FINAL TEST

Durban, To-day.

Dismissed for 316 runs, England are 400 runs in arrears of South Africa in the fifth and final Test match, which was resumed here yesterday and which will be played to a finish.

South Africa opened their second innings very confidently and Bruce Mitchell (57) and P. Van Der Byl (69) took the score to 128 runs without loss when tea was taken, England's bowling being listless on an easy wicket.

There were 6,000 spectators present when the two batsmen relentlessly consolidated their position after tea, and 150 runs were hoisted in 187 minutes.

Then Mitchell, playing back to a ball from Verity hit his wicket after scoring 89, the first wicket realising 191 runs. He had batted for 222 minutes and had six boundaries.

#### FURTHER DISASTERS

Further disasters were to follow, however, for Rowan, who succeeded Mitchell, was brilliantly taken by Edrich off Verity for a "duck" (191 for 2).

Viljoen replaced him, but soon after the Springboks, lost their third wicket without adding to their score when Van Der Byl was caught by Paynter off Wright three runs short of his second consecutive century in this test (191 for 3).

#### VAN DER BYL'S BAD LUCK

Van Der Byl was most unfortunate as he had just failed to become the first South Africa to score a century in each innings of a Test against England.

Van Der Byl scored with grand leg shots and solid driving. He had batted for 230 minutes and had reached the boundary on seven occasions. Play was adjourned owing to bad light with the score at 191 for 3.

#### Scores:

South Africa—1st Innings	530
M.C.C.—1ST INNINGS	
Hutton, run out	38
P. A. Gibb, c Grieveson, b Newson	4
Paynter, l.b.w., b Langton	62
W. R. Hammond, st. Grieveson, b Dalton	24
Ames, c Dalton, b Langton	84
Edrich, c Rowan, b Langton	1
Valentine, st. Grieveson, b Dalton	26
Verity, b Dalton	3
Wright, c Langton, b Dalton	26
K. Farnes, b Newson	20
Perks, not out	2
Extras	26

Total .....

Fall of wickets:—1 for 9 (Gibb); 2 for 64 (Hutton); 3 for 125 (Hammond); 4 for 169 (Paynter); 5 for 171 (Edrich); 6 for 229 (Valentine); 7 for 245 (Verity); 8 for 276 (Ames); 9 for 305 (Wright); 10 for 316 (Farnes).

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Newson	25.6	5	58	2
Langton	35	12	71	3
Gordon	37	7	82	0
Mitchell	7	0	20	0
Dalton	18	1	59	4

matter of their affiliation to the Federation of Trades Union. The ruling bodies of football then went so far as to prepare lists of amateur players who could be called upon to fill tears, so that the programme would not be upset. In the end the matter was settled and the threatened strike was called off.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

##### Second Innings

Van der Byl, c Paynter, b Wright	97
Mitchell, b Verity	89
Rowan, c Edrich, b Verity	0
Viljoen, not out	0
Extras	5

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Fall of wickets:—1 for 191 (Mitchell); 2 for 191 (Rowan); 3 for 191 (Van der Byl).

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## ALL-INDIA HOCKEY DEFEAT

### Fowler Brothers In Scoring Mood

Weakened by the absence of a number of their Army players, an All-India hockey team was defeated by Hong Kong Hockey Club at King's Park (4) yesterday by 7 goals to 2. Club led by 5-0 at the interval.

G. Fowler (4) and S. A. Fowler (3) scored for the Club, while Marwant Singh and Pyara Singh scored for the losers.

W. A. Read played well for the winners, while the Indian half-back, Malik defended well, but did not receive much support.

## THREE HAT-TRICKS IN FIVE MATCHES

Melbourne, (By Air Mail). — A world's record is claimed for the feat of Geoffrey Boyd, of Pomborneit, near here, who accomplished the hat-trick three times in five cricket matches. Had a catch off the third ball been accepted in the fourth match he would have had a fourth hat-trick.

The following will represent Central British Association Ladies in a Brawn Cup hockey match against Diocesan Girls' School at 5.15 p.m. to-day, on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park:

M. Parnell; P. MacFayden and A. N. Other; A. Webb, C. Bone and B. Louis; E. Hunt; F. Grimmit, M. Quick, E. Woolley and J. Crawford.

## NAVY LOSE VALUABLE LEAGUE POINTS

The Royal Navy lost two valuable points in the race for the First Division honours yesterday, when they were beaten by South China "B" by the only goal, scored in the closing minutes by Chan Tak-fai, in their postponed encounter at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Tam Kwan-kon, in goal, was the outstanding player for the Chinese, while in the forward line Chan Tak-fai and Ip Yun-po shone.

A part from Dixon, the pivot, and Coultis, in goal, none of the Navy players were really outstanding.


## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE ADOPT EIGHT-BALL OVER

The Lancashire Cricket League has officially announced that eight balls an over must be delivered next season instead of the usual six.

Mr. S. M. Holden, vice-president of the Accrington Club, mentioned that Constantine and Martindale had left the League to play with the West Indies team during their tour in England, but that new fast bowlers would be appearing in the competition.

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# Not Interested In Locke

## Henry Cotton's Refusal An Unwise Step?

### S. AFRICAN'S AMAZING DISPLAY IN S. AFRICAN OPEN

(By AIR MAIL)

THE much talked of challenge match between Cotton and Locke, the young South African, who turned professional twelve months ago, will not take place; at any rate, not this year. Locke, an ambitious youngster, whose ideas on professional golf, particularly the financial aspect, are not dissimilar to those of Cotton, is naturally disappointed, and also a little surprised at the turn of events.

His supporters were prepared to put up £500 — if necessary £1,000 — for the match, in the firm conviction that, over seventy-two holes, Locke would win. There is evidence to support the view, which is by no means exceptional, for, in addition to the South African public, there are in this country many shrewd judges who believe that Locke has more than a reasonable chance of success.

The evidence is fairly substantial. In the famous £1,000 match at Walton Heath, last year, Locke not only held the side together against Cotton, and the Open champion, R. A. Whitcombe, but his individual score over the four rounds was the best of the four players engaged by several strokes. In his challenge match against Padgham, at Selsdon Park, Locke had a score of 67 in each round, finishing brilliantly in 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, to win two up after being two down with six holes to play.

Perhaps the best performance of the South African youth, who is only twenty-one, was in the Irish Open Championship at Portmarnock, stretched to 7,200 yards. In a thrilling duel Locke beat Cotton by a stroke, and at the same time pocketed a special prize of £200 offered by a group of Dublin sportsmen for the player who succeeded in breaking 70. As an amateur Locke won the South African Open three times in four years — in fact, every time he competed — and was leading amateur in the British Open in 1936 and 1937.

#### NO LIMIT

Locke has returned to his home in the gold mining town of Brakpan, where he originally worked as a clerk, after a strenuous tour in Australia. He has not been well, but is keeping in touch with the game by playing a daily round with his father, a storekeeper, with a handicap of 12. There seems no limit to his amazing performances, for in the South African Open on the 7,000 yards Glendower course, Johannesburg, he won with the score of 265, the runner-up being twenty-six strokes behind. Locke will defend his title as the Transvaal Open champion, and will then leave for England, where he expects to arrive in May, hoping that Cotton will have changed his mind regarding the challenge match.

#### UNWISE STEP

But there is little likelihood of a change of attitude on the part of Cotton, who, apparently, is not interested in the match, at any rate, at the present time. According to him, he prefers to wait until Locke has won the British championship. "But isn't the Irish Open and his other successes sufficient guarantee of Locke's right to challenge?" ask his supporters. Personally, I think that he has established an undoubted claim to challenge any player, and the refusal to accept by Cotton may prove an unwise step. He must be given credit for being the best judge of his own business, but circumstances may

yet force him into a match against a youth setting out on a career of conquest, and whose limit, in the language of the poker player, is "the sky."

Being less hampered than Cotton by matters of policy, R. A. Whitcombe has gaily picked up the up the gauntlet thrown down by Locke, and a match for £500 a side has been agreed and will take place before the Open Championship at St. Andrews. This is only one of several interesting contests foreshadowed during the coming season, for Locke and Padgham, having joined forces, are prepared to challenge any combination for anything.

### Week-End Cricket Teams

#### CRAIGENGOWER TEAMS

The following teams will represent the Craigmower C. C. in League cricket matches against Hong Kong C. C. on Saturday:

1st XI (away). — E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmael, A. B. Hamson, D. Hung, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, W. L. Rapley, G. Souza, A. Zimmermann and F. R. Zimmermann.

2nd XI (home). — B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, M. C. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, H. P. Lim, T. Locke, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way, G. Winch and J. L. Young-Saye.

#### KOWLOON C. C. TEAMS

Kowloon teams for Saturday's League matches against I.R.C. are:

1st XI (home). — D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittins, R. T. Broadbridge, K. M. Baxter, B. D. Lay, G. A. White.

2nd XI (away). — S. A. Gray (Captain), W. I. McKenzie, R. Baldwin, F. A. Broadbridge, H. Brokenshire, F. G. Davies, G. A. Goodban, J. R. Luke, T. A. Madar, R. A. J. Simpson, G. E. Taylor, G. W. Giffen (12).

### Badminton Champion's Victory

P. K. Hui, the holder, beat J. S. Ho 15-11, 15-11, in the Colony Singles badminton championship at the Recreio last night. Despite the evenness of the score, Hui always had the measure of Ho.

Other matches scheduled for decision at Recreio were postponed.

#### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The Colony championships will continue to-day with the following programme:

Open Singles (First Round)  
Wei Chung v. J. R. Turner (1), H. Y. Ho v. T. J. Gould (2), E. E. Story v. Wong Shiu-wing (3), A. V. Gosano v. Lim Tien Tet (4), Kwok Hin-chung v. E. C. Fincher (7).

Open Doubles (First Round)  
H. P. Ong and S. H. Ling v. S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett (4), Leo Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau v. Lt. J. M. Tomlinson and Capt. L. J. C. Loch (5), Luk Chung-cheong and Lu Tak-lam v. Leo Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk (8).

## Ireland's Soccer Team To Meet Wales

The following have been selected to represent Ireland against Wales at Wrexham, on March 15, in their International Association Football match:

Breen (Manchester United); Cook (Everton) and Butler (Blackpool); Broly (Millwall), MacMillen (Chesterfield) and Weir (Clyde); Cochran (Leeds United), Stevenson (Everton), Millington (Chesterfield), Doherty (Manchester City), and Brown (Birmingham). Butler and Weir the left-back and left-half, respectively are the two new "caps".—Reuter.

## Everton Still Lead The Wolves

London, To-day.

Derby's home defeat by the only goal at the hands of the Pensioners featured yesterday's programme of postponed English and Scottish First Division League matches.

Wolves, who are firm favourites for the F.A. Cup competition, secured another smashing victory, this time at the expense of Middlesbrough, who were beaten by 6 goals to 1, but Everton, the League leaders, also won, at the expense of Leicester, and so retain their position at the head of the table.

In the Scottish League, Celtic were the only team to secure an away victory, beating Third Lanark by two clear goals.

Yesterday's results were:

FIRST DIVISION	
Portsmouth	2 Leeds
Derby	0 Chelsea
Wolves	6 Middlesbrough
Blackpool	2 Preston
Everton	4 Leicester
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Mansfield	4 Torquay
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (1ST DIV.)	
Motherwell	2 St. Mirren
St. Johnstone	2 Hibernian
Kilmarnock	1 Queen O'S.
Third Lanark	0 Celtic

—Reuter.

## LEAGUE BADMINTON UPSET

One of the biggest upsets of the current League badminton season occurred at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night when Chung Wah defeated St. Andrew's "A" in the "B" Division of the League by 6 games to 3.

Fincher and Kew won two games for the losers, while W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong won one.

There were some extremely thrilling games in the course of the evening notably one in which Fincher and Kew, down 13-20 fought back well eventually to win.

Chung Wah clinched the issue in the seventh game when S. C. Liang and C. F. Chiu beat Choy and Wong to make the score 5-2.

Scores:  
W. M. Gillies and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's),  
lost to C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 13-21  
lost to W. H. Choy and F. F. Li 16-21  
lost to P. C. Leung and S. H. Boon 19-21  
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's),  
lost to Chiu and Liang 21-24  
beat Choy and Li 23-21  
beat Leung and Boon 21-12  
W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's),  
lost to Chiu and Liang 14-21  
beat Choy and Li 21-14  
lost to Leung and Boon 14-21

ST. JOHN'S BEATEN  
At St. John's, the home team lost to Club de Recreio by 5 matches to 4.  
R. Koh and R. Beavan (St. John's),  
lost to A. E. Xavier and C. Pereira 12-21  
beat Sousa and Yanovich 21-0

## Rumjahn Cousins Extended

Letting slip a glorious opportunity of taking the first set off the Rumjahn cousins, S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok, playing aggressively, lost the set 8-10 and then the next 3-6.

A high standard was maintained throughout the first set when the Chinese pair were very aggressive. The Rumjahns, as is not unusual with them at this stage of the tournament, were sluggish and very slow off the mark.

Despite the fact that they were within an ace of dropping that first set, however—they were 3-5, 15-40 down—it would not be safe to say they would eventually have lost. Their reputation for fighting uphill battles is proverbial and they demonstrated this yesterday.

#### KWOK SPECTACULAR

Frank Kwok, the diminutive left-hander, was very spectacular in method and made very few mistakes with a piercing forehand drive. Liang was steady to a fault and a little more aggression on his part in the first set might have carried them through.

Of the winners, S. A. was probably the more brilliant but H. D. was very sound and equally effective in his own quiet way.

A somewhat surprising result was the defeat of that promising Recreio pair A. V. Remedios and John Gonsalves by Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The latter pair embarked on a lobbing campaign with which the opposition were unable to deal and after a terrific battle in the first set, and an even second set, the Indian pair emerged meritorious victors.

### Results

#### OPEN SINGLES

Lee Yue-wing received a walk-over from Lt. D. C. Misra.  
Chan Chi-keung beat W. Sander 6-4, 6-0.  
B. Szeto beat Firdos Khan 6-1, 7-5.  
J. W. Leonard beat Marsland 6-3, 6-1.

#### OPEN DOUBLES

Tsui Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen beat A. Crawford and R. T. Broadbridge 6-3, 6-1.  
Lt. Col. L. A. Newnham and Major F. T. Baines beat Lt. J. S. Theobald and Capt. A. B. Whatman 6-3, 6-4.  
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 10-8, 6-4.  
O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain beat A. V. Remedios and J. Gonsalves 11-9, 6-4.

lost to C. N. de Silva and M. M. de V. Soares 12-21  
beat J. E. de Sousa and P. Yanovich 21-2  
D. Kwok and St. Newman (St. John's),  
beat Xavier and Pereira 21-6  
lost to Silva and Soares 21-12  
beat Sousa and Yanovich 21-12  
N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's),  
lost to Xavier and Pereira 12-21  
lost to Silva and Soares 21-24  
beat Sousa and Yanovich 21-0



# Empress Of Britain Dance Orchestra

# Today's Wireless

# Studio Concert: Eddie Garron And Billy Maxwell

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Grand Massed Bands.

Hessian Infantry March (arr. Prof. Hackenberger) . . . Massed Military Bands.

May-Day Revels. (from Suite "Rural Scenes in Days of Old" — Samuel Copo); "Champion" March Medley, No. 2 (Ord Hume) . . . Massed Bands cond. by J. Henry Iles at the National Band Festival, Crystal Palace, 1939.

Fanfare (Adams); The Minstrel Boy (Trad. arr. Godfrey, Jr.); The Watch Tower (Herzer); Mechanized Infantry—Quick March (McBain) . . . Massed Bands of The Aldershot and Eastern Commands at the Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.

Grenadier Du Caucase (Meister); Entry Of The Gladiators (Fucik) . . . Massed Bands of the Northern Command cond. by Bandmaster R. C. Hannev, at the Northern Command, Tattoo, Nottingham, 1935.

12.50 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone). Famous Ballads by Frederick Weatherley. Intro: The Midshipmite.

(Adams); The Veteran's Song (Adams); Mountain Lovers (Squire); Friend o' Mine (Sanderson); Sergeant of the Line (Squire); The Deathless Army (Orch. only); Up from Somerset (Sanderson); Nirvana (Adams); Star of Bethlehem (Adams) . . . with Orchestra and Chorus.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Ketelbey — In A Fairy Realm-Suite. Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra conducted by The Composer.

1.15 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ. Bells Across The Meadow (Ketelbey) Down The Hall (Belton) Dixon Hits No. 2. Intro: Call me Sweetheart; When I grow too old to dream; Rehearsing a Lullaby; In a little Gypsy Tea Room; Me and the Old Folks at Home: The Oregon Trail.

Dixon Hits No. 19. Intro: After all these years; Roses in December; That old feeling.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Murgatroyd & Winterbottom, Florence Desmond, Gerry Moore and Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra. Hold My Hand—Quickstep; Heart And Soul—Slow Fox-Trot (film 'A Song is Born') . . . Gerry Moore (Piano).

Public Sweetheart No. 1 (from 'Seeing Stars'); In Love Again (from 'Seeing Stars') . . . Florence Desmond (Comedienne) with Orch.

Robins And Roses (Leslie, Burke); Is It True What They Say About Dixie? (Lerner, Marks) . . . Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

Pets (Frankau-Handley-Crick); Winter Sports (Frankau-Handley-Crick) . . . Murgatroyd & Winterbottom (Two Minds with not a single thought—with Monte Crick at the Piano).

With All My Heart—Fox-Trot (film 'Her Master's Voice'); Taggin' Along With You—Quickstep . . . Gerry Moore (Piano).

Tap Dancers' Nightmare . . . Jimmie Dorsey & His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

6.57 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7 p.m.—Studio—"Empress of Britain" Dance Orchestra under the leadership of Eddie Aranzl.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). Fret-Foot (Barran-McCall); The Builder (Foley-Cadman) . . . with Orchestra.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay—The Comet Covers A Wedding by R. F. Delderfeld (author of The Cockle-mouth Comet). Characters: Mr. Hutchins, Mrs. Hutchins, Carrie Hutchins, The Best Man, Grannie Hutchins, Luke

Strong, the Telegraph Boy. Produced by Howard Rose. 8.30 p.m.—Concert by Eddie Garron (Tenor) with Billy Maxwell at the Piano.

1. (a) Song of Songs (Moya); (b) Because. (D'Hardelot); (c) You're Mine (De Rance) . . . Eddie Garron with Billy Maxwell at the Piano.
2. (a) Rustle of Spring; (b) Selection of popular Fox-Trots . . . Billy Maxwell at the Piano.
3. Two Dutch Songs . . . Eddie Garron (Tenor) with guitar.
4. (a) Thank you for your love (De Rance); (b) You are my heart's delight (Lerner) . . . Eddie Garron (Tenor) with Billy Maxwell at the Piano.

9 p.m.—Orchestral. Overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppe) . . . The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult. Slavonic Dance No. 14 In B Flat Major (Dvorak); Slavonic Dance No. 15 In C Major (Dvorak) . . . Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vaclav Talich.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E. Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News. 9.50 p.m.—Violin Solos. Serenade (Drdla); Valse Triste (C. Scott) . . . Marjorie Hayward with Piano.

Menuet (Nash) . . . Wolfi with Otto Schulhof at the Piano.

10 p.m.—London Relay—An Organ Recital by David Morgan from the Chelsea Parish Church of St. Luke. Fugue in D (Bach).

Reverie; Scherzetto (Four Short Pieces) (W. H. Harris). Allegro (Second Symphony) (Vierne).

Idylle (Quef). Adagio espressivo (Phantasie Sonata in A flat—Rheinberger).

Preface and Fugue on B.A.C.H. (Liszt). 10.35 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Quartet In D Major, Op. 44, No. 1. Stradivarius String Quartet.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♣ 8  
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♠ Q J 10  
♥ 6 3  
♦ A Q 10 9  
♣ K J 8 6  
♠ 9 7 6 5  
♥ K 4  
♦ A K J 10 9 8  
♣ 5  
Mr. Lochridge

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ 2♠ 3♥ 3♠  
3♦ Pass 5♦ Pass  
Pass Pass

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KING 2  
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The palm goes to Charles Lochridge for the best played hand of this very young year. Against the five-diamond contract West opened the King of spades, dummy's Ace won and two rounds of trumps were then drawn. Now three rounds of hearts were played. But this time, instead of trumping, Mr. Lochridge discarded his club. West of course won this trick with the Queen and played the Ace of clubs, whereupon Mr. Lochridge threw one of his three remaining spades. Having nothing but clubs left, West was forced to continue the suit and the next lead was ruffed in dummy. Mr. Lochridge discarding a spade. Dummy's fifth heart then provided a discard for the remaining spade.

There are two features worthy of mention. First, the fact that all dummy's trumps except the Queen were smaller than Declarer's made the hand difficult of manipulation. Secondly, if West had had the temerity to underlead his Ace of clubs, the contract could not have been made.

In Saturday's question you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ —  
♥ K Q 10 9 x x x  
♦ J x x  
♣ x x x

Both sides were vulnerable.  
The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken You Maier  
1NT Pass (7)

ANSWER: Jump to four hearts. This jump response to game shows a long, powerful suit but few high cards and hence no Slam possibilities.

Score 100% for four hearts, 60% for two hearts (your opponents may overcall with spades and do quite well), 40% for three hearts (this bid shows general strength and may cause your partner to contract for an unmakeable Slam).

Question No. 48

David Burnstone is your partner and the dealer. You hold:

♠ Q x x x x  
♥ x x x x  
♦ x x x  
♣ x x x

The bidding goes:  
Burnstone Schenken You Maier  
1♠ 2♥ 3♥ 3♠  
3♦ Pass 5♦ Pass  
Pass Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AT THE KING'S—"Josette", with Don Ameche, Simone Simon, Bert Lahr, Robert Young and Paul Hurst. The season's gayest musical in which father is rescued from marrying Josette by his two sons but one of them get entangled by her lure.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Law West of Tombstone", with Harry Carey, Tim Holt, Jean Ruyverol and Clarence Kolb. Revealing a new side of the life in the Old West, the picture presents Harry Carey as the Texan who seeks to establish himself as a well meaning dictator of half a state.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Partners in Crime", with Lynne Overman, Roscoe Karns and Muriel Hutchison. A laugh filled comedy of the troubles when a reporter and a detective are sent to clean up a town. In the excitement of their political campaign the pair are caught in many awkward situations.

AT THE CATHAY—"Michael Strogoff" ("The Soldier and the Lady").—Stirring tale of the experiences of a

courier of the Czar during an imaginary Tartar uprising in Siberia in 1870. This Hollywood version of Jules Verne's story is a tremendous spectacle thrill-drama with an all-star cast headed by Anton Walbrook, with Elizabeth Allan, Margot Grahame, Eric Blore and Fay Bainter—10,000 soldiers in scenes make a colourful background.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Lone Wolf in Paris"—One of those ever popular mythical kingdom romances, with the Lone Wolf exercising his talents as a jewel thief to save the throne. Starring Francis Lederer, Frances Drake, Walter Kingsford, Albert von Döcker, Leona Manicle and Maurice Cass. Reviewed elsewhere.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"White Banners." Another powerful down-to-earth drama by the author of "Magnificent Obsession" and "Green Light." With a brilliant cast headed by Claude Rains, Bonita Granville, Jackie Cooper and Fay Bainter in a role that puts her in line for the Academy Award of 1938.



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Lady Northcote has kindly consented to distribute the prizes on Thursday, the 9th March at 5.30 p.m.

Prizewinners are requested to attend in person to receive their prizes.

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The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4121.	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4061, Tong Mei Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	5,184	96
									15,632



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Rural Building Lot No. 68.	South of Rural Building Lot No. 283, Mount Cameron Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	22,400	258
									2,688



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**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tin Hau Temple Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Inland Lot No. 968.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 609, Tin Hau Temple Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	6,100	112
									6,100



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**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	Inland Lot No. 543.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 572, North Point.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	6,400	118
									6,500

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## CHANGES IN U.S. NEUTRALITY BILL PENDING

Washington, To-day.

The statement by President Roosevelt to the effect that the United States Neutrality Law had proved not a contribution to peace, but had heightened the possibility of war threats, is taken to indicate that the President has decided to change the law.

One revision may be that the question of what constitutes an act of aggression will be decided by the President himself. The President may ask for power to enable him to place the armament industries of the United States at the disposal of those countries which, in his opinion, are victims of aggression.

Some of the provisions of the Neutrality Law cease to hold good after May 1st, and it is presumed in circles in close touch with the White House that Congress will meet prior to this date with the object of revising the Neutrality Law on the lines suggested by President Roosevelt.

Circles known to be opposed to any change have already intimated their intention to fight any attempt to tamper with the neutrality principle on the grounds that such action would inevitably increase the danger of America be-

## DEFENCE IN THE PACIFIC

London, To-day.

It is understood that final arrangements have been completed for the Imperial Pacific Conference which is to be held in New Zealand at the end of this month.

The British Government will be officially represented and the sole subject of the conference will be mutual defence.

The Prime Ministers of New Zealand (Mr. Savage) and Australia (Mr. Lyons) will attend.

## REPRESENTS STIFFENING OF BRITISH ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

The undertaking of the five million pounds loan guarantee corresponds, in the opinion of London political circles, to the stiffened attitude that Britain is adopting towards Japan.

It is considered not impossible that, in the near future, London will grant the Chinese Government another loan.—Trans-Ocean.

coming involved in a European War.—Trans-Ocean.

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London, To-day.

Mr. C. G. Hogg, heavy lorries expert of the General Motors Corporation of New York, has passed through England en route to the Far East on a mission which may influence the future course of the Sino-Japanese War, says the writer of the "day by day" notes in the ((Daily Telegraph)).

Mr. Hogg is bound for Hong Kong via Rangoon and the new Burma-China road from Namkhan to Paoshan.

He will ascertain which type of lorry is most suited to the new road and climatic conditions.—Reuter.

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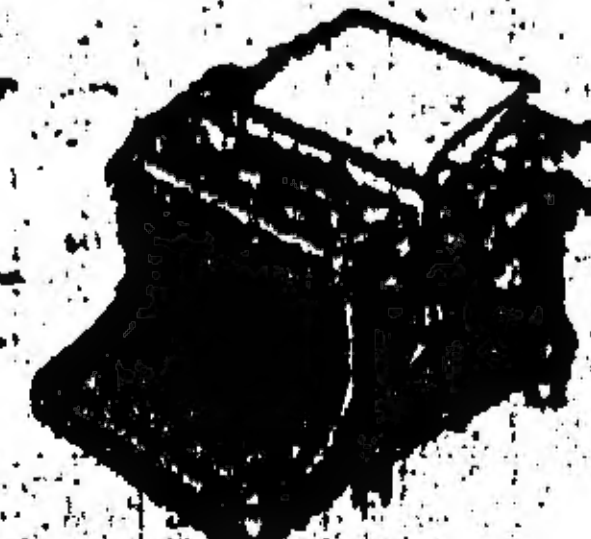
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